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## Voters nix water filtration plant

Quorum allows meetings to be held

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

WARE – At Monday’s Special Town Meeting in the Ware Junior Senior High School auditorium, voters shot down the proposed water filtration plant that town officials have said would help with the town’s discolored drinking water.

After discussing whether it was necessary, 60% of voters were in favor of it and 40% voted no, according to the electronic voting tabulations. To pass, the article needed two thirds of the voters to approve it. There were about 150 voters at the back-to-back Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting held Monday. The article also asked for \$7.3 million to be added to the \$6 million approved at the 2017 ATM, which would meant borrowing the \$13.3 million over 40 years. It was also hoped the USDA would provide a grant for a portion of the cost.

An article asking voters to rescind the earlier vote in 2017 for the original \$6 million was dismissed after it was decided by town counsel to let it stand and add to the original amount.

Since 2015, town officials have been trying to get the plant built, which would have been located at

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Turley Publications staff photo by Eileen Kennedy  
Ware Troop 281 Scouts Justin Torres-Ladue, Riley Kszywienski and Aaron Bateman attended the Special Town Meeting as part of their Citizens in the Community badge. They have also learned from Town Manager Stuart Beckley about how the town functions.

## Civil Service upholds Brian Coulombe firing

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

WARE – The Civil Service Commission denied former Ware firefighter Brian Coulombe’s appeal of his May 22, 2020 firing. In a decision dated May 12, and made public by the Civil Service Commission late last week, the board said it was denying his appeal and he has 30 days to appeal it. Coulombe is now a firefighter paramedic at the Oxford Fire Department.

The firing followed an investigation by the town after rumors circulated that Coulombe had not given his actual birth date when applying to take the Civil Service entry-level firefighter exam 15 years ago. An investigation and the Commission stated he made himself appear to be exactly a year older to meet the Civil Service rule that test takers of the exam be 19. Coulombe was born in June 1985, not June 1984 as his application to take the test states, the decision said.

The Civil Service Commission said it determined when he applied to take the test online in 2003, he used his parents’ credit card to do so, and their email address. The Civil Service computer system is set up to automatically flag and reject those applicants with ineligible dates of birth, and are not processed, according to the decision signed by Civil Service Commissioner Christopher Bowen.

“(IT) WAS PROBABLY THE WORST KEPT SECRET IN THE TOWN OF WARE.”

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Coulombe’s application was processed, according to the decision.

His father, former Ware Fire Chief Thomas Coulombe, said during an investigation of the issue that he was not aware how old entry-level firefighter candidates had to be to take the test, and said it again in a public hearing held by selectmen several years ago. Thomas Coulombe was demoted to lieutenant after the investigation and continues to work at the Ware Fire Station.

Brian Coulombe has said he was targeted by the town after officials went after his father, but the Civil Service Commission ruled the decision to terminate him, which was made by current Fire Chief Christopher Gagnon, was made without any “political con-

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## New technology helps pass Town Hall increase

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

WARE – Annual Town Meeting voters on Monday used new technology, electronic voting clickers, to vote to add money to the make sure the brick can be repointed on one of the town’s oldest buildings, Ware Town Hall.

The town changed the way voters have cast their votes for more than 200 years on Monday night with the advent of an electronic voting system, which quickly tabulated each person’s vote and showed the results within seconds.

After the meeting ended, Moderator Kathleen Coulombe said she thought the first use of the system went well, and voters were patient as she and Mary Midura, assistant to Town Manager Stuart



An electronic voting system was used for the first time at Ware’s Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting Monday. They offer voters an anonymous way to cast votes and can be quickly tabulated.

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## Ware Memorial day parade Monday, May 31 at 1 p.m.

WARE – The Memorial Day parade and ceremony will begin when the parade steps off Monday, May 31, from the American Legion on Maple Street at 1 p.m. and continue to Veteran’s Park for a brief ceremony. It is recommended that all health guidelines set by the state and the town of Ware be followed. Wearing masks and social distanc-

ing is recommended, as well as everyone’s help to make this a safe and successful event.

All veterans are encouraged to march in the parade as we honor those who have gone before us. The parade marshal this year is retired Major Francis (Butch) Moran and the speaker will be retired Sgt. Major Francis Bateman.

## Board accepts marijuana host agreement

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff Writer

HARDWICK – At their meeting of Monday, May 24, SelectBoard Chair Kelly Kemp said they received the clean draft of the Host Community Agreement from Adroit Manufacturing, LLC, represented by Ralph Rogers. Rogers said the draft received from town coun-

sel, “Is a document I would feel comfortable signing.” The board reviewed the HCA and approved it effective as of Tuesday, May 25.

Gillespie Car Care  
Kemp asked Brian Gillespie, representing Gillespie Car Care, if he was seeking to amend his original application for a Class II license under Affordable Car Care. Gillespie said he has a business license for Gillespie Car Care, but

does not have a dealer’s license. He said the paperwork was supposed to be done by January, and he has been calling each week since then. Kemp said she would consult with town counsel about the application.

Board of Health Agent Tex Sarabia said he has heard complaints that the business does not have proper sanitation facilities. Gillespie said there is now a

sani-can located on the property. Sarabia said the sani-can needs to be permitted through the BOH and Gillespie agreed to rectify that issue immediately.

Kemp said she has heard issues about the number of cars located on the property exceeded the allotted amount. Gillespie said he cannot sell or dispose of the vehi-

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## Demo of 114 Main St. began Wednesday

Clears way for Main St. redesign project

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

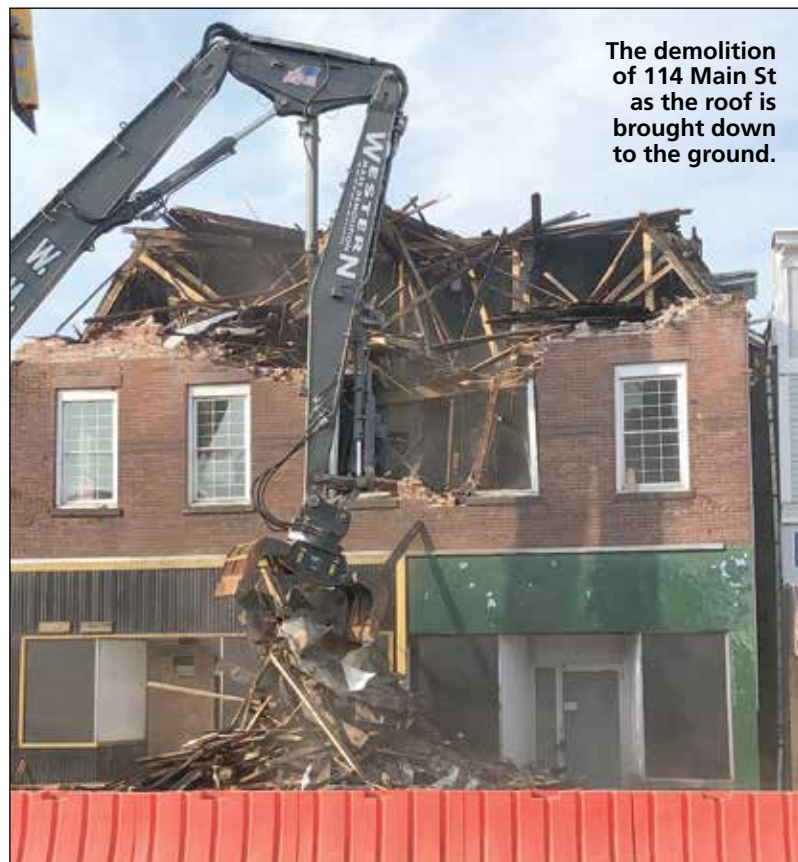
WARE – At long last, demolition of 114 Main St., which was deemed dangerous by Building Inspector Anna Marques and the SelectBoard last fall, began Wednesday morning at 7 a.m.

At a Special Town Meeting in March, voters approved using \$400,000 to bring the building down. MassDOT and the Main Street redesign contractor, Ludlow Construction, said last fall and again this spring that the project could not proceed unless the building was stabilized or demolished.

Last fall, the SelectBoard, ordered the owner, 114 Main St. LLC, to pull the building down by Oct. 1, but that did not happen. Lawyers for the owner and the town had been in contact over the last six months, but the owner had not moved to pull it down.

Once MassDOT and Ludlow Construction said again this spring that the building would have to be addressed and STM voters approved the demolition money, the town moved forward with the demolition permit process.

At 7 a.m., the crane was in place and pulling the roof from the building, although the process was halted for a short time as a man was seen in a window where



The demolition of 114 Main St as the roof is brought down to the ground.

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Turley Publications staff photo by Dan Flynn

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### American flag drop-off boxes now available

WARE – Boy Scouts from Troop 281 of Ware, who are working on their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge, have built drop-off boxes for everyone’s convenience.

Please drop off any American flag(s) to be retired at collection boxes located at Country Bank on West Street; Wiltons Clothing on Main Street; North Brookfield Savings Bank on Main Street; Monson Savings Bank on West Street; NAPA on West Street and EB Flatts Restaurant on Route 9 in East Brookfield.

On June 14, Flag Day, at the Earl A. Howe American Legion Post 123 in Ware, the Scouts, sponsored by AMVETS Post 123, will be assisting the American Legion in retiring all of the flags collected. The public is welcomed to attend the ceremony, which begins at 6 p.m.

Any questions, call Scoutmaster Dan Flynn at 413-297-5886 or email [scoutdad281@charter.net](mailto:scoutdad281@charter.net).

### Memorial Day parade on May 30

WARREN – The town will host a Memorial Day Parade this year on Sunday, May 30, beginning at 1 p.m., at St. Paul’s Cemetery. The parade route will go through both cemeteries, down Maple Street to the Town Common. From there, participants will go to the Warren Fire Station for a brief ceremony.

Then everyone will head to West Warren and march from Main Street/Ware Road to Veterans Park for the final ceremony. A luncheon will be held for veterans and parade participants at St. Stan’s Pavilion.

# Are You Old News?



Each week the Ware River News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured.

Email your answers by Monday at noon to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com).

*Last week's photo featured Ware Golden Agers at their St. Patrick's Day Party. Standing in front of President Bernio Wilson are from left Loretta Smith, Marie Sorel, Joan Lund, Rita St. Onge, Ellie Wilson, Jeanne Ligawiec and Kay Root.*

*Also, several weeks ago we ran a photo of a young boy and an adult with him as the photo of the week. They were Jesse Boone, 5, with assistant David Peterson at an Aspen Rod & Gun Club fishing derby for kids.*

*If you know who is in this week's photo please send their names and your full name to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com).*



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Beckley, worked to together to put each article up and then wait as the votes were tabulated. The votes were shown as percentages, but could be shown if there was a close vote, such as 50% yes and 50% no.

In a vote during the Special Town Meeting, which was held first, a vote to amend article 5, which asked to change the percentage of retail marijuana tax put toward a Water Filtration Plant Stabilization Fund from 100% to 80% failed, with a 50-50 vote. The electronic system quickly showed that 76 people voted in favor of it and 77 were not. This also quickly made it clear that the necessary two thirds approval had not been reached for it to pass.

Coulombe said a number of towns in the state have purchased the systems and voters

have liked the change. The clickers use wireless technology that is not hooked up to the internet, she said, and each vote is secret and anonymous. It also greatly reduces secret ballot counts that are done by hand, she said.

In her letter to voters at the front of the STM and ATM warrants, Coulombe said she believed it would help with questions of vote counts. “Following a March 2021 Special Town Meeting when vote accuracy questions were raised, the moderator investigated other communities and means of addressing these concerns and universally recommended using an electronic voting system,” she wrote. Coulombe was referencing the STM held in March in cars in the parking lot of the Ware Junior Senior High School

when one voter questioned the accuracy of a vote.

A committee made up of Coulombe, Town Clerk Nancy Talbot, Beckley and the Finance Committee, who determined which system. It cost about \$9,700 and COVID-19 grant money was used to buy it, she said.

**Town Hall**

The system, of course, was also used to tabulate votes to add \$70,000 to the Town Hall’s operating expenses, which increased the entire fiscal 2022 budget by that same amount.

The vote was 95% in favor and 5% against after pleas from Ware Historical Commission Chairwoman Lynn Lak and Assistant Town Clerk Kathy Galford, who is also a member of the Ware Historical Commission, to make sure the historic building gets some

tender loving care. That would include repointing of its bricks.

Lak told voters that despite getting a \$50,000 historic preservation grant, which the town matched, with the rise in construction material costs throughout the pandemic, the town has not been able to get a contractor to do the work for the money it has. If the grant money is not expended, she said, it would be unlikely the town receive any additional grants.

“There is so much history in Town Hall,” Galford said. “I have the privilege of working in Town Hall, and it fills me with awe to be in the building.”

Former President John F. Kennedy spoke on the steps of Town Hall, which Galford said probably helped the town received the grant. The Great Hall was also the location of

a meeting of town leaders in the 1930s, where townspeople voted to buy the mill that was closing down and moving south. “It was so innovative that it made national news,” she said, leading to the town’s unofficial motto, “Ware, the town that can’t be licked.”

Voters gave her a round of applause before voting to add the \$70,000 to the coming year’s budget.

The budget was passed with no discussion other than the addition of \$70,000 for Town Hall work. The approved budget was for \$31.76 million, which included \$15,569,207 for the municipal side of the budget and \$16,193,955 for schools, including \$1,131,024 for the Pathfinder Regional Technical Vocational High School, and \$1.8 million for transportation.



Moderator Kathleen Coulombe and Mary Midura, executive assistant to Town Manager Stuart Beckley, worked together to keep the new electronic voting system on track.

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# Young Men’s Library reopens on June 1

WARE – The Young Men’s Library will be reopening to the public on Tuesday, June 1, at 10 a.m. Our hours for the summer will be Mondays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday mornings in June, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. We will be closed on Saturdays in July and August.

As the library has too library users who are too young to get vaccinated at this time, everyone is asked to please continue to wear a mask while in the library. It also reserves the right to limit library capacity or length of visits to the library if necessary to ensure the safety of all library users. The library will be happy to continue to provide pickup service for library materials for any library users who would still prefer not to come into the library at this time.

Please call us at 413-967-5491, or check the library’s website at [www.warelibrary.org](http://www.warelibrary.org) or its Facebook page at Ware Library if further details are needed.

# Warren library has museum passes to a many locations

WARREN – The Warren Public Library has generously received funding from the Warren Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, for the following museum passes for 2021: Ecotarium for up to two adults and two children at half price; MA State Parks Pass free parking

Also, Old Sturbridge Village for up to four visitors at half price; Springfield Museums, buy one full-price admission and get one half off; USS Constitution is free admission for up to nine visitors.

New this year are Trustees Go Passes, which provide free or reduced parking and/or admission to all of the Trustees properties including the beautiful Castle Hill and Crane Beach, Halibut Point State Park in Rockport, Fruitlands in Harvard, Naumkeag Estate in Stockbridge, the William Cullen Bryant Homestead in Cummington and many more. Be sure to check out the Trustees’ guidebook, “Where Wonder Happens” and explore all of their properties across Massachusetts. For more information contact the library at 413-436-7690.



Courtesy photo  
Left to right are Dan Moriarty, Monson Savings Bank president and CEO, KatieAnne DeMars, Ware Middle School principal and Michael Rouette, Monson Savings Bank executive vice president and chief operating officer.

# Monson Savings Bank donates reusable water bottles

WARE – It is unmistakable that Monson Savings Bank is a community bank through and through, fully committed to supporting the local communities, including the students who attend local schools. With the past 18 months presenting unique challenges for everyone, including local students, the bank has continued to show support and provide solutions.

Most recently, Monson Savings Bank President and CEO Dan Moriarty, along with Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Michael Rouette, visited Ware Middle School Principal KatieAnne DeMars to personally deliver a supply of reusable water bottles. These provided bottles will give students safe access to drinking water throughout their school day.

“Ware Middle School is incredibly grateful for the generosity shown by Monson Savings Bank. This past year and a half has required all of us to make adjustments and it is great that our students have the support of this local community bank,” said DeMars. “Our students will be so happy to receive their very own water bottle to refill during the school day.”

Schools were, and still are, some of the most affected by the pandemic. School officials had to make many quick and difficult decisions to protect the health of their students and teachers. Most schools turned to complete or partial remote learning in 2020. Since then, progress has been made allowing many schools to return to traditional classroom learning with modifications.

School officials are still working hard to continue to protect their students and teachers now that they are back in the classroom. One way schools are doing this is by shutting down standard drinking

fountains and only allowing the use of water bottle filling stations. One local school using this method is Ware Middle School.

While providing the alternative water bottle filling stations eliminates some risk for Ware Middle School, some students did not have access to their own reusable water bottle. When Monson Savings Bank heard that students needed reusable water bottles in order to access to fresh drinking water during the school day, they knew they had a solution that they could deliver.

Monson Savings Bank immediately reached out to the Ware Middle School inquiring how many water bottles they would need for the students to use at the filling stations. Later that day, the bank wasted no time, placing an order for reusable water bottles. A week later Moriarty and Rouette, personally delivered the reusable water bottles to the Ware Middle School location where they were able to meet with DeMars.

“It is remarkable how well these students have adjusted during the past year and a half, and it is our pleasure to do what we can to help them. Since students can no longer use a water fountain, reusable water bottles are now an essential supply for students to have access to,” said Moriarty. “It is important students are comfortable and hydrated so they can effectively learn and enjoy their school day. Monson Savings is more than happy to provide these water bottles for all students to access drinking water in a safe way.”



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# Fire due to improperly disposed of smoking materials

WARE – Firefighters responded to a home at 5 Pleasant St. Monday at 5:36 p.m., where they found smoke showing, according to Fire Chief Christopher Gagnon.

The tenants, Ken and Jeremiah Carpenter, had to vacate the home, and it appeared to have started in the bathroom, he said. It is thought that the careless disposal of smoking materials was the cause, Gagnon said. The first originated in the bathroom trash can. The property is owned by Jack Boggess.

Firefighters got to the scene quickly and had it under control and out by 6 p.m. The Fire Department responded with two engines and a ladder truck. The Palmer Fire Department provided coverage for the town at the Fire Station and Warren Fire Department went to the scene to help.

No one was injured. The property will have to be cleaned up before the occupants can return, he said.



Staff photos by Dan Flynn  
Ware Fire Department responded Monday, at 5:36 p.m. to a fire at 5 Pleasant St.



The cause was thought to be smoking materials that were improperly disposed of in the bathroom trash can.



Ware Fire Department had the fire under control and essentially out by 6 p.m.





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EDITORIAL

Stand in solemn solidarity this Memorial Day

From stone walls in New York and fields in Pennsylvania, barbed wire-laden trenches in Europe to remote volcanic islands of the Pacific, jungles in Vietnam to the deserts of Iraq and Afghanistan, brave men and women have fought and died for the stars and stripes, and the ideals it represents.

Many weren't much older than those preparing to graduate soon from Ware Junior Senior High School when they answered the Lexington Alarm from their fields, shops and homes when they answered their country's call when conscripted for active duty service. Some never came home.

Some, like West Brookfield's Allen Everett, were held prisoner, as he was during World War II, before being liberated and making his way home.

While many consider Memorial Day weekend the unofficial start of summer, rife with cookouts, the openings of pools and exuberant celebration, it is important to take a moment to remember the meaning of the holiday in the first place.

Memorial Day, unlike the Fourth of July, reminds the nation of those lost in defense of the nation's freedoms. Whether it's the freedom to assemble and speak out against a government policy, to publish a contrary opinion or to worship in the manner of one's choosing, we all owe a debt of gratitude to those men and women who never left the battlefield.

The holiday has its roots in the aftermath of the American Civil War, originally known as Decoration Day, when Union veterans adorned the graves of fallen soldiers with flowers. Similar observances were held for Confederate soldiers. After World War I, the holiday was expanded to honor all of the nation's war dead, but wouldn't become a national holiday until 1971.

This weekend when folks assemble in Hardwick and Warren, or on Monday when they march in Ware's Memorial Day Parade, the list of the town's soldiers from the Civil War to Vietnam are inscribed on stone monuments as a reminder to the ultimate cost of freedom.

While COVID-19 kept public remembrances from being held last year, we are lucky to be able to gather and remember those we have lost and thank them for their service and their sacrifice. And for those who not yet comfortable doing so, they can be remembered privately with the same gratitude.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation.

Now it as important as ever that we should spread the word of their service and act to advocate for critical benefits for those who make it home. We should both encourage and listen to the stories of veterans, whatever they choose to tell. And we should do this every day so as not to forget their sacrifices.

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Will applying for disability hurt SSI retirement benefits?

By Russell Gloor  
Guest columnist

**Dear Rusty:** My husband turns 65 later this month. He has started having health issues, so much so that we are thinking about talking to his doctor about Social Security disability. How would this affect him in applying for his Social Security benefits? Should we exhaust disability efforts before applying for his retirement benefits? *Signed: Concerned Wife*

**Dear Concerned Wife:** In order to qualify for Social Security Disability Insurance, or SSDI benefits, your husband's disability must be considered total and must be expected to last for at least one year. And that will need to be substantiated by medical evidence from his doctor. So, having a discussion with his doctor is the right first step.

Since SSDI benefits are based upon your husband's full retirement age (FRA) benefit amount, if he is awarded Social Security disability it would have no effect on his FRA benefit amount. In fact, if he is awarded SSDI benefits, they will automatically convert to his regular Social

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Tomato planting 101

With the quintessential frost-free target date of Memorial Day just days away, I think it's the perfect time to encourage folks to give gardening a try. Growing tomatoes is a good place to start. First, because growing them is relatively easy and secondly, because you will be delighted with a great return for your investment of a little money and some time. No supermarket tomato could ever compare to one that is homegrown and sun-ripened.

First of all, head to the local nursery and select a plant. There are many varieties to choose from. Do you prefer slicing tomatoes, cherry or pear-shaped for salads, or meaty paste types? If you plan on growing your tomato in a patio container, it may be best to settle on a determinate or bush type that will require next to no staking and will remain tidy in its pot.

Find a spot in your yard that gets at least six hours of sun a day. Less than that and you will have more leaves than fruit. If necessary, remove existing sod to accommodate your plant(s). Tomatoes should be spaced about 18 inches to two feet away from one another. For one plant prepare a section two feet wide by two feet deep. Now, go ahead a dig a fairly deep hole. How deep depends on the size of your transplant. Since tomatoes have the ability to form roots along their stem, plan

on burying one-half to three-quarters of the stem in addition to the root ball. Don't worry; although this planting depth sounds extreme, it will be better for the plant in the long run. In my experience, a cup or two of well-rotted manure or aged compost mixed with the soil in the bottom of the planting hole along with a sprinkling of balanced organic fertilizer is all the food your tomatoes will need during the growing season.

If you plan on growing your tomato in a container, choose one that is at least a foot wide and deeper if possible. Fill it 50/50 with potting soil and garden loam or compost. The blend will be lightweight and nutritious.

Tomatoes need support in the form of a cage or tall bamboo stakes wrapped with twine at regular intervals. Although your transplants may seem puny now, go ahead and install the supports at planting time. Once planting is complete be sure to give them a hearty drink. Continue to water every other day for the first week or so if nature doesn't provide adequate rainfall. Watering at the base of the plant will direct water to the roots and keep most of the foliage dry. A good practice in disease prevention. Once the plants are established, a deep watering twice a week is all that is necessary. Mulch of some kind, be it straw, grass clippings, chopped leaves or even

ON THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid



sheets of newspaper will keep the weeds down and conserve moisture; some say it also helps to prevent disease by preventing backsplash onto the foliage.

Often times experts recommend pruning away the suckers that form between the main stem and side shoots. If you do you will have fruit that is bigger, but in smaller quantities. Most of all, don't worry about the rules and regulations, just do your best and have fun with your first gardening experience.

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the employees and residents of the Town of Ware,

As many of you know, my 26-year-old son Shiloh Skerritt, a young man with both Autism and Type 1 diabetes, was assaulted without provocation while taking one of his two daily walks through Grenville Park on Friday, May 7th, and again on Saturday, the 8th.

In the second attack he was kicked with such force that his shoulder blade was broken. Those incidents seem to have shaken this town, and finally people are talking about doing something to protect those in Ware with special needs, both children and adults.

In that Saturday attack, though there were apparently two young people who actually assaulted and beat Shiloh, there were between 15 and 18 other young people who surrounded him during that beating, many with their cell phones out to record it, and many who encouraged the attack. Nobody, not a single one of those young people present, made any attempt to stop what they were watching, instead they called my son vile names like "pedophile" and "pervert," even though they knew nothing about him other than the fact that he was "different." The truth is he has Autism, and it comes with a learning disability.

But I'm not writing to you to tell you the details of what happened to my son. I'm here to thank the Town Manager, the Parks Department, the Board of Selectmen and the Ware Police Department for stepping up and taking immediate action. And I want to thank every single person in Ware who has offered their condolences, support, and even greetings when Shiloh, now with me, takes his walks at the park.

It's an absolutely beautiful place to enjoy the outdoors, and those recent events should not diminish what Grenville Park has to offer. All we have to do is get involved if we see bad people mistreating good people. Call the police, get video, intervene! Do something other than just watching and staying silent. There were witnesses to both of these attacks on Shiloh, but not a single person came forward during or after the first one, until the second attack brought public attention to it. Even I didn't know of the first assault until I heard about it at a hearing for one of the suspects.

My son simply does not verbalize things well. He doesn't think like most of you. He doesn't understand anger, jealousy, hatred or



fear. He also doesn't understand why a person can do this to another person. I often wish we were all like him, and I'm very proud to be his father.

Thank you,

Paul Skerritt, Ware

Ware is worth seeing

I popped into the select board meeting briefly last Tuesday and then returned home to continue watching on TV. Imagine my surprise when I heard the board say our town of Ware was not worth "seeing." I have lived many places and I want to remind the board why they are wrong. Ware is definitely worth "seeing," and here are a few places they might take a look at.

All of Ware Center with the beautiful farms: Letendre Egg Farm, King Creek Farm. Mr. Cook's tasty blueberries and the Ware Center Meeting House. The wonderful brick work of the Ware Town Hall, the new Art Works complex, Cedarbrook Village, and stunning places of worship. The waterways, brooks and streams all around the town. Beautiful Grenville Park with walking trails, boat ramps and recreational facilities for

everyone. Rail Trails, Memorial Field, the covered bridge and the dog park. Downtown improvements, solid community banks, a local newspaper, a vibrant business and civic association, schools that rank in the top half of the state. So many nonprofits working on endless projects to improve this town; Friends of the Dog Park, Friends of the Ware Town Hall, Friends of the Seniors, The Proprietors of the Ware Center Meeting House and Buy Ware Now to name a few. Volunteerism that outshines any town in America.

I could go on, but I think you get my point. I do not look at this town through rose-colored glasses. I see the challenges we face. I think one of the biggest challenges is a select board who takes the time to be concerned about a word instead of pointing out to the community and to prospective businesses why Ware is the place to live, work and play. Just imagine a prospective business coming to Ware and listening in to this past meeting. Everything said at the Select board meetings either uplifts this town and citizenry or chips away at our pride and the work that is moving this town forward. We are Ware and we are definitely worth "seeing."

Carol Zins, Ware

How Ware's observance of Memorial Day evolved

By Stephen R. Katz  
Guest columnist

In 1868, John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, dedicated May 30 to honoring the Civil War fallen by decorating their graves. Logan ordered all G. A. R. posts to make suitable arrangements in their cities and towns for observing the day, and similar orders were issued annually thereafter.

For many years, people called May 30 "Decoration Day" and "Memorial Day" interchangeably. But, to the Grand Army of the Republic, "Decoration Day" didn't adequately reflect the solemnity of the occasion. In June of 1882, the G. A. R. ordered Grand Army members to discontinue the use of that term, and to speak of "Memorial Day" instead. But the popular use of "Decoration Day" persisted, and only gradually did it give way to "Memorial Day."

GUEST COLUMN

In Ware, the J. W. Lawton Grand Army post organized Memorial Day observances from the time of the post's formation on May 12, 1869, up through 1927. The ceremonies in 1871 were typical of Memorial Days in Ware in the latter part of the 1800s. A procession consisting of members of the Grand Army post, accompanied by a band, marched from Grand Army Hall at 42 Main Street to the various cemeteries in town to decorate the graves of Civil War veterans. Their final stop was Aspen Grove Cemetery for exercises at the monument honoring Ware's Civil War dead. The march then returned to the Town Hall for orations, band music, and performances by a choir. In the years following, as the nation became involved in other armed conflicts, additions were made to the day's activities. Graves of all veterans were decorated, not

only those of the Civil War. Added to the program were exercises at the World War I and II honor rolls at the Town Hall, and, later, at Veterans Park.

Over time, the ranks of the Grand Army dwindled. New veterans' groups sprang up, and the Grand Army post eventually took a back seat in Ware's Memorial Day observances—literally. By the 1920s, instead of leading the march to the cemeteries, its members were taking up the rear riding in automobiles. Ahead of them were the younger generations: members of the local Sons of Veterans of the Civil War. In 1928, the G. A. R., its membership having been reduced to a handful, turned over its leadership role in planning and executing Memorial Day activities to Ware's Earle F. Howe post of the American Legion. The post was named after the first soldier from Ware to be killed in action in World War I. The Grand Army post disbanded the fol-

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# Live concerts resume at ‘Stone Church’

GILBERTVILLE – Friends of the Stone Church will present two Sunday afternoon band concerts on the lawn: “Summer Swing” by Weir River Jazz, on Sunday, June 13 and “Swing into Summer” by the Weir River Concert Band, on Sunday, June 27. Both events are free, outdoors at the Stone Church, 283 Main Street (Rte. 32), Gilbertville from 2 to 4 p.m. The public is invited to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Refreshments will be available. The concerts will comply with public health guidelines in effect at the time of each concert.

Weir River Jazz, a 17-member offshoot of the Weir River Concert Band, is dedicated to the appreciation and performance of Big Band jazz and swing music and also performs more modern works. John Sacco, a Vietnam veteran and for-

mer public school music director, directs both groups, which rehearse weekly in their ‘new home’ at the Stone Church. Donna-Lee DePrille, a well-known vocalist from the Pioneer Valley, will perform with the jazz group on June 13.

Weir River Concert Band is a 30-plus member, multi-generational ensemble of flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, French horns, tubas and percussion. The ensemble plays music from movies, television favorites and traditional band music classics. It was formed in 2006, providing an opportunity for musicians of all ages from Ware and surrounding communities to bring people together through music.

Following the long pandemic shutdown, these free community concerts are the first in-person events at the Stone Church. “The

concerts were conceived in a spirit of hope by the groups and are presented in a spirit of joy in bringing people together again,” said Judy Edington, FOSC president.

Friends of the Stone Church (FOSC) is a nonprofit, community organization. Its mission is to preserve and protect the Gilbertville Stone Church and to facilitate its use by and service to the regional community. The vision is to use this historic landmark as a place of cultural and community enrichment. Donations are gratefully accepted by check to FOSC, P.O. Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031 or through FriendsOfTheStoneChurch.org. This program is supported, in part, by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, through its Project Grants program.

# Tri-Parish church to hold plant sale and more

HARDWICK The Tri-Parish Community Church has started planning for its 15th annual plant and bake sale. The third annual tag and craft sale will coincide with this event, which will take place on the Hardwick Common, Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

This East Quabbin area spring-time event will feature traditional, favorite and connoisseur

perennials plus selected annuals, heirloom vegetable plants, and herbs. Inishowen Farms, of North Brookfield, Stillman’s Farm, of New Braintree, Chicken Feather Farm, of New Braintree, and private gardens will provide plants. Assorted home-baked desserts and breads will also be sold. The event is held rain or shine. Volunteers and attendees must wear masks and maintain six-foot distancing; hand

sanitizer will be available.

Tri-Parish seeks vendors for the tag and craft sale on that date. Spaces will be offered for \$30 each. Applications may be obtained by contacting the church at triparishcc@gmail.com or Tri-Parish Community Church, P.O. Box 202, New Braintree, MA 01531. People should reserve a space early. All are welcome.

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cles until his licensing issues with the town are resolved, saying the process has been held up for five months. Kemp said the paperwork she had was dated November of 2020. Gillespie produced paperwork from March of 2020, and said he would forward it to the board. Gillespie said August 2020 is when he licensed the business as Gillespie Car Care and Jan. 28, 2020 is when he submitted the application for a Class II license.

Kemp said they would need to review the situation and hold a hearing.

## Budget review

Cemetery Commissioner Paula Roberts said the new figure for the cemetery contract service is \$24,950, which is actually \$1,500 less than it was in fiscal 2021. Roberts said she will be talking with Highway Superintendent Mary Gryszowka about reimbursing the department for weekend burials. Roberts said Gryszowka and his crew “always help out.” Kemp said it would be good to compensate the Highway Department through the commission’s fee schedule, and Roberts agreed.

Finance Committee member Sam Jaksthis asked if they could end up in a similar situation as has happened previously, the lowest bidder was accepted and had to be replaced before the year’s end. Roberts said they are required to accept the lowest bidder, and the figure is so much lower is because it only includes mowing. Roberts said Michael and Laurie Crevier, of Barre, submitted the lowest bid. Roberts said the Creviers have contracted with the town before and are familiar with the work required. The board accepted the Creviers’ bid for cemetery and common mowing in the amount of \$24,950.

## Smith Vocational

Kemp said they actually have two students that attend Smith Vocational Technical School for fiscal 2022. Kemp said both students are seniors and if they drive, they will have options for reducing the transportation budget.

## Verizon accounts

Lori Hoffman said she is try-

ing to clean up every account for the next warrant. She noticed there seems to be a lot of Verizon accounts for long-distance calls, but many of the departments do not use them.

## EMS update

Selectmen Vice Chair Julie Quink said she had a call with Ware Town Manager Stuart Beckley, Ware Fire Chief Chris Gagnon, Hardwick Police Chief Jim Ayotte and Hardwick Police Lt. Kevin Landine. Quink said they asked about getting money back on their assessment to Ware, for calls Ware is unable to respond to. Quink said they will see if Ware reduces their proposed assessment of \$77,000 to \$75,000 or lower. This would make the total budget for EMS in fiscal 2022 about \$100,000. Kemp said the Barre selectmen will be attending their meeting on June 7 to further discuss EMS coverage.

## Town offices reopening

Kemp met with department heads and boards and commissions and said everyone seemed comfortable with reopening to the public on June 15. Ruggles asked about handicapped accessibility issue, with the door needing to be repaired. Kemp said she will reach out to the building inspector. They will still have signs up asking people to wear masks and have hand sanitizer available.

## Comcast contract

The town’s Comcast contract renewal is coming up next year. The board will need to meet with a representative from Comcast in July or August. Kemp said she will propose a meeting on July 19 at 6:30 p.m.

## Sewer update

SelectBoard member H. Robert Ruggles said he requested a meeting with the USDA for June 1, but has not heard back as of meeting time. Ruggles met with the engineer last week to explore alternate sites for the proposed pumping station on the common.

## Rte. 32/32A project

Hoffman said they have only received five out of 64 donation letters back from the easement. Deadline for letters is May 28.

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# Hearing on additional apartments continued to June 28

By Kimberly Palmucci  
Correspondent

WARREN – The Warren Planning Board opened a public hearing regarding the addition of three apartments to a West Warren property during its May 24 meeting.

The property is located at 2282 Main St. in West Warren, which is in the Village District. Applicant Donna Skoczylas had requested a special permit to expand/alter the structure to add three additional apartments.

The building currently houses the West Warren United States Post Office branch and Mirage Salon, as well as existing apartments. It was referred to as a “non-conforming” structure due to the square footage, according to hearing discussion, and the project requires approval from the Building Inspector and the

Planning Board.

Skoczylas said nothing would need to be added to the building; there is “a lot” of empty space in the building already and there is plenty of room for parking, she said.

“I just want to do something with the space so it’s not sitting there empty,” Skoczylas said during the hearing, adding that plans could include adding new fences and windows and making the space look “really nice.”

She said that there is a big space in the back of the building in which a two-bedroom apartment could exist and space in the middle where studio apartments could be created. Skoczylas added that although she had already spoken to the town’s Building Inspector at length about the project, at the time of the hearing, she had not yet contacted an engineer or contractor about the project, as

she wanted to take it step by step.

Board members stated that they would need more information before making any kind of decision, including information about the existing conditions of the building, how the building will change, how many people will be in the building, parking information, and more.

Board members also suggested that Skoczylas speak with the Building Inspector again and find out exactly what would be needed for the project to move forward. According to hearing discussion, there is no existing sprinkler system in the building and, if additional apartments were to be added, a sprinkler system would be needed.

Ultimately, the hearing was continued until Monday, June 28, at which point Skoczylas is slated to return with more information.

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lowing year. Members of Ware’s Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts troops formed part of the procession from 1928 onward; also from around that time, the Veterans of Foreign Wars played an important role. Over the years, other participating groups have included the Women’s Relief Corps and the Marine Corps League.

Music has been an important part of in Ware’s Memorial Day observances. Bands not only accompanied the processions to the cemeteries, but also provided patriotic music at the ceremonies at the Town Hall. In the early 1870s, it was the popular Ware Cornet Band. The Fitzgerald Drum Corps furnished the music in the late 1890s, followed in the early 1900s by a renowned group from Springfield, Short’s American Band and Orchestra. The Ware Boys Band did the honors in the early ‘30s, and in the following decades the Ware High School Band, St. Mary’s Drum Corps, and singers from Ware High School enhanced the ceremonies.

Around the turn of the century, programs at Ware’s schools, with speakers provided by the town’s veterans groups, along with

church services, became a feature of Memorial Day observances.

From the earliest Memorial Days, stores and businesses in Ware were generally closed. In 1883, the Massachusetts commander of the Grand Army of the Republic urged upon his comrades the “necessity of discontinuing upon Memorial Day every form of amusement...” But the exhortation didn’t have much effect. In 1903, the Springfield Republican lamented the “increased disposition to regard the day as one for sport and amusement rather than as one commemorating the death” of our Civil War veterans.

Sports contests were indeed becoming a traditional feature of Memorial Day. From as early as 1882, the Ware baseball team would play a Memorial Day game at the pumping station grounds. And beginning in the early 1900s, the Ware Golf Club would open its season on Memorial Day, with festivities extending into the evening. Located off the Palmer road, the golf club was founded in 1899. It disbanded in 1915, but golfers from Ware have made their Memorial Day tee times at other courses.

In more recent years, Ware’s Memorial Day observances

have followed the general pattern set back in the 19th century—parades, decoration of graves, patriotic music, school and church exercises, and speeches. Last year’s was different, because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, the Ware Historical Society and the Veterans Council will once again team up to make a moving and meaningful commemoration of those men and women who have given of themselves, and in some cases their lives, for their country. The exercises for Ware Remembers will take place on May 30 on the lawn of the Ware Center Meeting House, amidst a sea of American flags.

The Memorial Day parade and ceremony will begin when the parade steps off Monday, May 31, from the American Legion on Maple Street at 1 p.m. and continue to Veteran’s Park for a brief ceremony. It is recommended that all health guidelines set by the state and the town of Ware be followed. Wearing masks and social distancing is recommended, as well as everyone’s help to make this a safe and successful event.

Stephen R. Katz, a member of the Ware Historical Society, writes about baseball and history.

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Security retirement benefit (at the same amount) when he reaches his FRA. SSDI benefits are replaced by Social Security retirement benefits once FRA is attained.

So, should your husband exhaust disability efforts before applying for his Social Security retirement benefit? Provided that his doctor will support that he is totally disabled and expected to remain so for at least a year, your husband should apply for SSDI online at [www.ssa.gov/applyfordisability](http://www.ssa.gov/applyfordisability). This will establish a base date which will be used to establish a disability onset date, which is what his SSDI benefit will be based upon if later awarded. You should be aware that it takes several months to receive an initial SSDI determination, and that about 2/3rds of all SSDI applications are denied. But there is an appeals process in place which can be used in the event of an initial denial and if he believes that is an unfair decision.

It is also possible for your husband to claim his personal early Social Security retirement benefit

at the same time he applies for SSDI, so he can get some early Social Security income flowing while his SSDI application is being considered. Then, if his SSDI is later awarded, his smaller Social Security retirement benefit (reduced for claiming before his FRA) will be replaced by his higher SSDI benefit, and his higher SSDI amount will automatically become his Social Security retirement amount when he reaches his FRA. However, if your husband’s SSDI is not awarded, his reduced Social Security retirement benefit will be his permanent benefit amount (except, of course, for annual Cost of Living Adjustments).

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# The true meaning of Memorial Day

By Jennifer Baublitz  
Guest columnist

I have never been able to listen to Taps without tearing up. From the first definitive notes of G-G-C, a wave of emotion crashes over me and it is impossible to hold back the tears. I could chalk it up to having associated the song with the experience of burying my grandfather at Bourne National Cemetery in Cape Cod, but that would not explain the visceral reaction I feel each time it plays. This reaction is much deeper than the personal loss of a grandparent long after his service has been completed. It is the intangible nexus of pride, pain, anger, sadness, and gratitude that coalesces within me each time I reflect on those who have died in service to our country, and what it would mean to be the loved one left to bear that complicated grief.

As a military spouse and proud member of an extended family with a history of service, I have been fortunate in my time to not have lost anyone in this capacity. For this I am eternally grateful, however, as my husband continues to serve, part of me cannot yet breathe easy. It was Memorial Day in 2019 when I attended a cookout at the home of friends who served proudly for more than 20 years in the Army. This fellow military family had not been so fortunate to never have experienced the ultimate loss, however, and each hour on the hour everyone in attendance would pause the festivities to toast a fallen brother in arms. Sixteen printed pictures, one for each of those remembered that day, hung from a homemade garland on the side of the house. As I stood there in the yard, corn-hole bean bag in hand, listening to the toasts, I could not allow myself to truly connect with my friends. If I had begun to gen-

uinely empathize with them in those moments, I am not sure I would have been able to hold myself together. Just the prospect of connecting with what it would be like to lose my husband before his 20 years are complete is too much to bear, so I did my best to disconnect with the very real, raw representation of Memorial Day.

I will admit that much like many Americans, I look forward to Memorial Day for a cadre of selfish, unrelated reasons. It is the unofficial start of summer, often accompanied by beautiful weather and a three-day weekend filled with gatherings and celebrations. In my household, we even have the added joy of our son's birthday, which often falls on Memorial Day as it will this year. After long New England winters and wet, temperamental springs, Memorial Day feels like warm, joyous freedom. It is in these moments, however, that it is most imperative to stop and reflect on all the liberties we enjoy, and the cost borne by our brothers and sisters in arms in their efforts to ensure that we can do just that. We cannot afford to give in to the refuge of emotional detachment, much like I did on that day in 2019. Whether we can identify with such significant loss or not; and whether we agree with the campaigns that claimed their lives, those we have lost and those who will ultimately lay down their lives for what we as a nation have professed to believe in - life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness - deserve our complicated, emotional, at times tear-filled and overwhelmingly gratitude laden reflections. We cannot risk forgetting how tenuous our freedom is and the high price others have paid to maintain it.

*Jennifer Baublitz is the executive director of the Brookfield Institute, which helps veterans and their families.*

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the Barnes Street pumping station property, next to Kubinski Field. It would have filtered iron and manganese from the town's water supply, preventing it from interacting with the system's chlorine. The town has said the water is fine for drinking and cooking, but many people on town water prefer using bottled water. Sometimes laundry has been ruined by discoloration from the minerals.

Department of Public Works Director Gilbert St. George-Sorel has said the plant would not completely fix the problem as the town must keep up a twice-a-year routine of flushing the lines. Many of the town's oldest water pipes are metal and build up mineral sediment, and would need to be replaced. If the plant were built, chlorine would still be necessary to use in the water.

Resident Lynette Gabrila said she was in favor of the project despite the fact she is not on the water system. She said she loves the camaraderie of the town, and said it has come together during the pandemic to provide residents with what they need, to decorate the town for holidays, to clean up the town and to show their disgust with a recent attack by juveniles on an autistic man in Grenville Park.



Ware SelectBoard members prepare for the Special and Annual Town Meetings held on Monday.

"I see love in this town," she said. She supported it because she wants everyone in town to have clean water, she said.

Former SelectBoard member Alan Whitney urged voters to pass it because it is a first step toward fixing the issues with the water. "Let's just fix it, let's get it done," he said. "Let's not kick it down the road again."

Terrance Smith, Water Resource Committee chairman, said the town's water quality meets all necessary standards, and there will be additional costs in the future including the necessity to overhaul the wastewater treatment plant.

He also said the proposed increases in the water rates, which would have helped to pay for the plant, would drive residents and businesses out of town.

Kevin O'Regan urged voters to rely on town officials and the reports generated about the need for the plant and how to pay for it. "A tremendous amount of work

had gone into the reports that have led us to this place, this time," he said.

Voters did approve the creation of a Water Filtration Plant Stabilization Fund with 70% of voters in favor of it and 30% of voters against it. Amendments Smith proposed to add the sewer system to the stabilization were not successful.

An article to dedicate 100% of the town's local tax on retail marijuana businesses did not pass despite receiving 65% of the votes in favor and 35% of the votes against it. It needed to receive a two thirds vote. Amendments to the article to put 80% of the tax and 50% of the tax were also unsuccessful.

## Other business

Voters did vote overwhelmingly to spend \$72,000 to fix drainage issues at Grenville Park and repair its ballfields, with 95% of voters in favor and 5% against it, and to let the town abandon a drainage easement at 127 Church St, by the same vote percentages.

The town has a grant for \$50,000 to do the Grenville Park work, but the town needs to match with money for construction. The easement was from the 1930s and was never used so it will revert to the homeowner.



Voters met for a Special Town Meeting and the Annual Town Meeting Monday night at Ware Junior Senior High School.

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# Saturday and Sunday **SIDEWALK SALES**



Amanda Johnson, of Cheeky Monkey Artisan Soaps, offered a wide variety of vegan and palm oil-free handmade soap.



Danny Talbot, 9, makes a purchase with the help of his mother, Heather Talbot, at Lost and Found Mercantile during last weekend's tow-day Sidewalk Sales.



Simply Mabh offered vintage and handmade products. Owner Mar Canterbury, left, is the vendor coordinator of the Open Air Market held on the second and fourth Sundays from spring through fall, weather permitting. Vendors can register at [lostandfoundmercantile.com](http://lostandfoundmercantile.com)



Night Owl by Bri displayed her handcrafted Jewelry and other crafts at the Open Air Market.



Yard Garb Distinctive Lawn Decor had a whimsical display of glass lawn decorations.



Sharon, of King Creek Farm, at 337 Belchertown Road, had many unique and hard to find items available for shoppers during Ware's Sidewalk Sales.

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WARE – Businesses banded together last weekend and many of them held sidewalk sales to take advantage of the nice weather. There were plenty of deals and lots of great merchandise.  
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Masie the puppy helped vendor Meghan McNaulty, of Ragged Hill Creations, attract sales at the Open Air Market at Lost and Found Mercantile in conjunction with the Sidewalk Sales.

## MLH satellite emergency facility to close June 3

WARE – Everyone has known this day was coming but it's already here: Baystate Health announced this week that it will close the Baystate Mary Lane Satellite Emergency Facility in Ware on Thursday, June 3, according to a press release.

Despite requests from lawmakers and town officials that it postpone the closure for a year so fire departments and emergency medical services could plan better for the closure, the company is moving forward with the closure.

Baystate Health has said once it closes all the buildings, including the hospital, it will demolish them, make sure the property is environmentally clean and deed it over to the town for whatever use the community sees fit. Baystate officials have also said they are willing to leave it up if the town finds another healthcare company to

Longer travel times to reach emergency care will start for Ware, and surrounding communities, next Thursday.

While most patients and ambulances will likely head toward Baystate Wing Hospital Emergency Department, Baystate has provided a list of all the locations for miles that provide emergency care.

- Athol Hospital Emergency Department, 2033 Main St., Athol,
- Baystate Medical Center Emergency Department, 759 Chestnut St., Springfield,
- Cooley Dickinson Hospital Emergency Department, 30 Locust

- St., Northampton
- Harrington Hospital Emergency Department, 100 South St., Southbridge
- Heywood Hospital Emergency Department, 242 Green St., Gardner
- Holyoke Medical Center, 575 Beech St., Holyoke
- Mercy Medical Center Emergency Department, 271 Carew St., Springfield
- UMass Memorial Medical Center Emergency Department – Memorial Campus, 119 Belmont St., Worcester
- UMass Memorial Medical Center Emergency Department – University Campus, 55 North Lake Ave., Worcester

Walk-in or urgent care services are available at the following locations:

- Convenient MD, 471 Center St., Ludlow,
- Urgent Care of Wilbraham, 2040 Boston Road, Wilbraham
- CVS MinuteClinic, 1001 Thorndike St., Palmer
- MedExpress Urgent Care, 1312 Boston Road, Springfield
- CVS Retail Clinic, 142 Worcester St., Charlton
- Urgent Care Express at Harrington-Charlton, 10 North Main St., Charlton

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Ken and Bethany Bleau, of K&D Landscaping of Ware, donated their supplies and service, and recruited six other local landscaping companies to make the lawn at the United Church of Ware look good again.

## Local landscapers help UCW look green

WARE – United Church of Ware’s front lawn was in need of professional landscaping services, as much of the grass had turned brown and died, so church members reached out to Ken and Bethany Bleau, of K&D Landscaping in Ware to hire them to reseed and treat the lawn. Church members had pooled their own money to pay for the service.

The Bleaus contacted six other local landscapers and they all agreed to not only donate their supplies, but their services. The United Church of Ware would like to thank K&D



BRL Landscaping was one seven local landscaping companies to help reseed United Church of Ware’s lawn.



Landscaping, John Arello at Town & Country Gardens, Charlie from Brothers Landscaping, Tim from Burke Landscaping Lawncare, BRL Landscaping Inc., McGuire Yard Service and Ed’s Landscaping for helping to keep the church beautiful.

Courtesy photos  
Charlie from Brothers Landscaping was one of seven local landscapers to reseed United Church of Ware’s lawn, which had died.

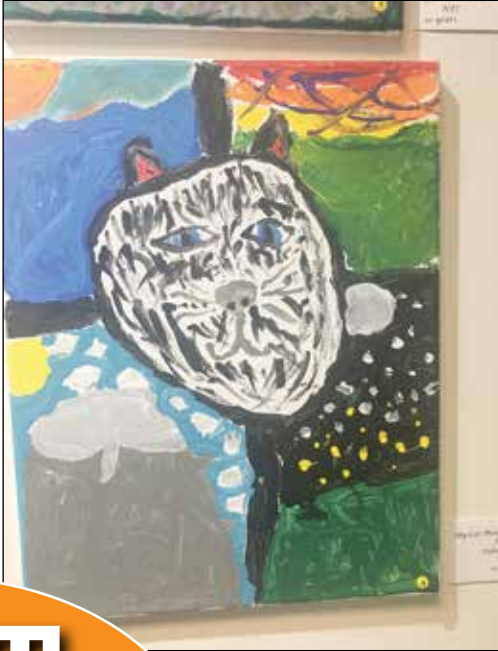


Abigail Tolar, of Ware, stands next to her painting, “Tuxedo Cat” at ArtWorks artists’ reception for Reigning Cats and Dogs held last Saturday. This was her first art exhibit, although she has painting since she was 18. She is self taught and enjoys painting with acrylics and watercolors.

ArtWorks co-op members from left, Linda Barnes and Lisa Yeisley enjoy the exhibition opening with Yeisley’s husband, Carlos Berlanga. Displayed behind them are creations made by youth ages 7 to 13 from the greater Ware community.



The theme for the art exhibit was animals of all kinds. Here are two submissions, one featuring a puffin and a second with five horses.



Lukas Potter, age 10, painted this portrait of his cat as part of a Workshop13 program held over April vacation.

Turley Publications staff photos by Paula Ouimette

WARE – Workshop13 and ArtWorks held its annual art exhibition on May 22 with many entries from artists within and without the community. Last year,

the pandemic led to the creation of a virtual art show, but this year the in-person event is back stronger than ever and features plenty of animal subjects.



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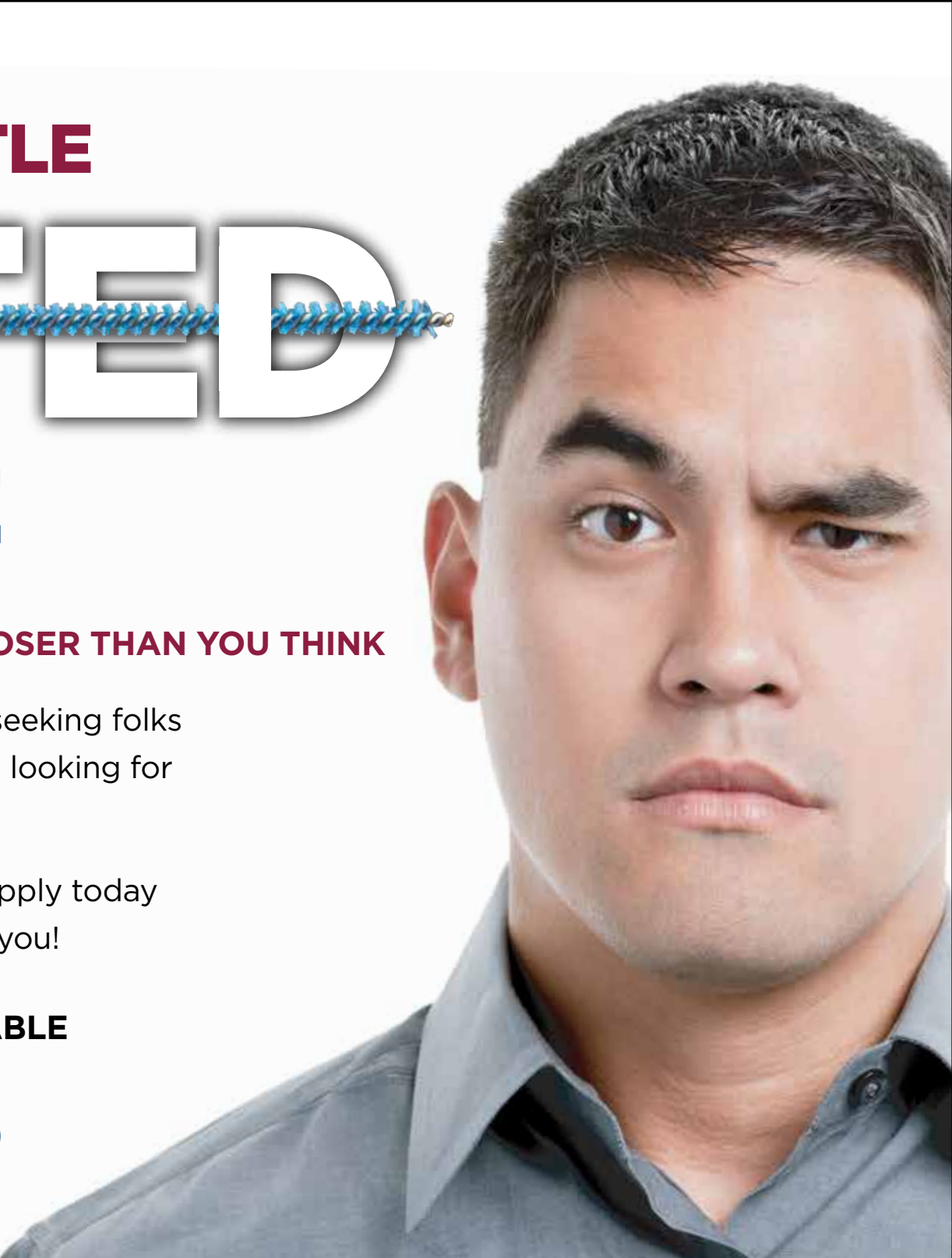
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# SPORTS

## Smith keeps on winning for Indians

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

WARE — Ware senior righthander Keith Smith was the winning pitcher in three of the Indians first five games of the regular season.

After recording home wins against Hampshire Regional and Southwick, Smith hurled a 5-0 shutout victory over Bi-County League rival Monson under the lights at historic Memorial Field in Ware, last Monday night (May 17).

“I’ve been playing baseball games on this field since I was a freshman and I really love it,” said Smith following his complete game masterpiece. “This is my favorite field and there is nothing better than playing night games here in front of a large crowd.”

Smith allowed just three base hits, which were all singles in his

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**KEITH IS ONE OF THE BEST PITCHERS IN OUR LEAGUE THIS YEAR.”**

**SCOTT SLATTERY**  
WARE HIGH SCHOOL  
VARSITY BASEBALL COACH

first shutout of the season. He struck out eleven batters, which increased his season total to 34, and issued five walks. He also picked off a runner at first base.

“We didn’t make any errors in tonight’s game,” Smith said. “I have a lot of trust in the defense behind me. I also have a lot of

confidence in my catcher (Dylan Sutkaitis). We’ve worked very well together so far this season.”

Smith and senior first baseman Dillon Slattery, who are like brothers, will be teammates on the Worcester State University football team in the fall.

Longtime Ware varsity baseball coach Scott Slattery is very glad Smith is a member of his baseball team this spring.

“Keith is one of the best pitchers in our league this year,” Slattery said. “Every time that he’s on the mound, we have a good chance of winning a game.”

The MIAA has instituted a new pitch count rule this season. Smith threw a total of 107 pitches against the Mustangs. The maximum number of pitches a varsity pitcher can throw in a game is 115. Smith was not eligible to pitch again for four days following his start against

Monson.

The victory improved the Indians overall season record to a perfect 5-0.

Monson, who entered the first meeting of the season against the Indians with a 3-0 record, made several costly mistakes.

“We just made a lot of mistakes in tonight’s game, which is something that we hadn’t done in our previous games,” said first-year Monson varsity coach Curtis Orlik. “Their starting pitcher is very good and you can’t afford to make that many mistakes in order to beat them.”

Two of the Mustangs base hits were by senior catcher Luke Hedspeth. Senior centerfielder Connor Santos, who’s planning to play baseball at Nichols College

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Pitcher Abby McQuad fires to the plate.



Aidyn Welsh makes a throw across the diamond.

## Ware softball outslugs Palmer

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—An old fashion slugfest is probably the best way to describe the first meeting in two years on the softball diamond between archrivals Ware and Palmer.

The Lady Indians players enjoyed their bus ride home following a 25-21 victory over the Lady Panthers under the lights at Slesinski Field in Palmer, last Thursday night.

“Tonight’s game was definitely a slugfest. There was a lot of hitting, which is always a lot more fun for the players than having a bunch of walks,” said first-year Ware head coach Charlene Valle. “We could never put Palmer away and they never gave up.”

Valle and Palmer head coach Heather Korzec have been friends since in the early 2000’s. They used to coach softball against each other at the junior varsity level. Last Thursday’s game was the first time that they met as varsity coaches.

“It was nice coaching against Charlene for the first time at the varsity level,” Korzec said. “I never expected this many runs to be scored in tonight’s game.”

The two varsity coaches are also teammates on the same women’s softball team this spring.

“Heather and I have been playing on the same softball teams for the past 15 years,” Valle said. “It was a lot of fun playing against



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Norah Ayers attempts a throw to first.

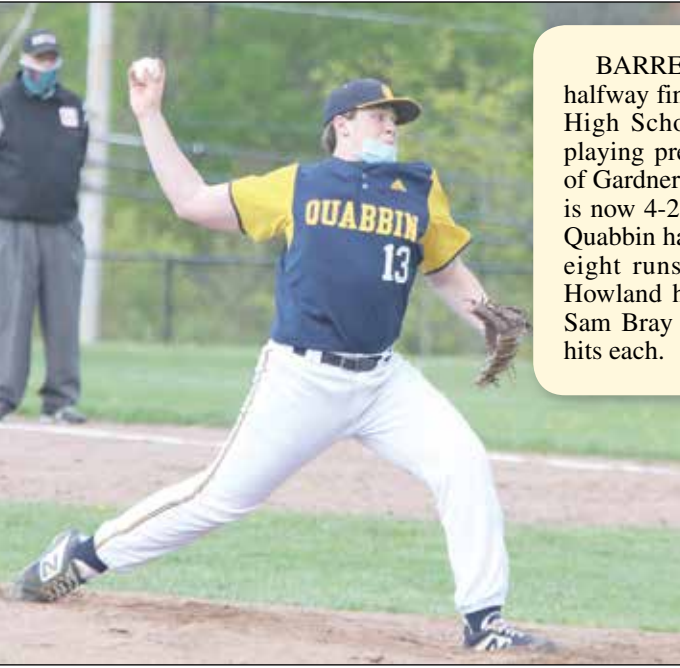
someone who challenges you and makes you have to think about what you’re doing during the game.”

The two teams combined for a total of 37 base hits.

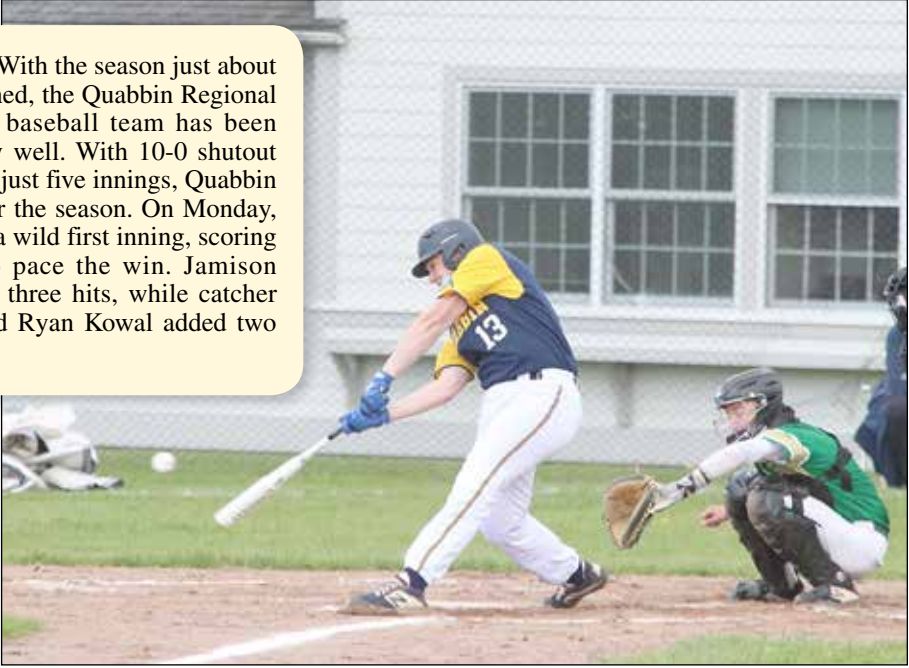
The Lady Indians (4-3), who had 22 hits, were led offensively by senior first baseman Chelsea Orszulak, who finished the game five base hits and six RBIs. She had two singles, two doubles, and a triple before suffering an ankle

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## QUABBIN BASEBALL LOOKING FOR PLAYOFF RUN



Colin Wallace pitches for the Panthers.

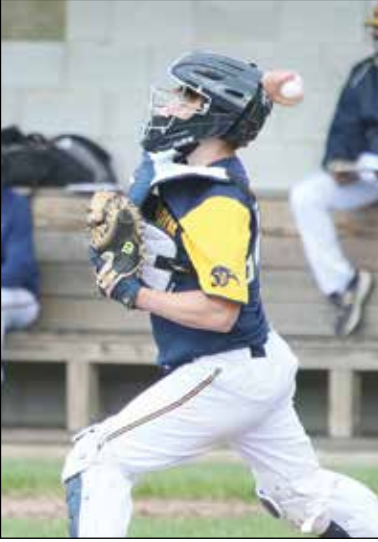


Colin Wallace makes contact on a pitch.

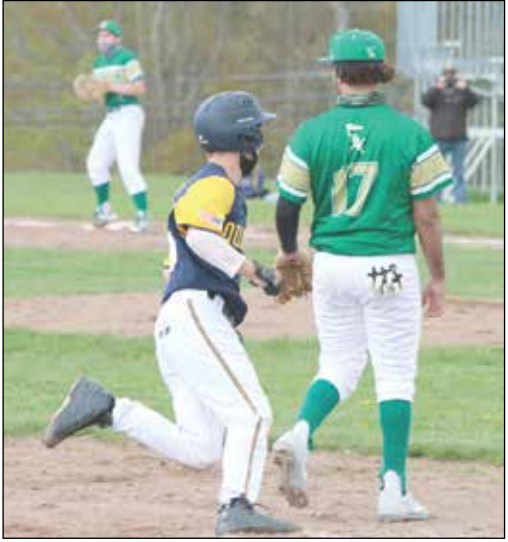
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Jamison Howland slides safely into third base.



Catcher Samuel Bray fires to second to attempt a play.



Jacob Salvadore rounds third and heads for home.

BARRE – With the season just about halfway finished, the Quabbin Regional High School baseball team has been playing pretty well. With 10-0 shutout of Gardner in just five innings, Quabbin is now 4-2 for the season. On Monday, Quabbin had a wild first inning, scoring eight runs to pace the win. Jamison Howland had three hits, while catcher Sam Bray and Ryan Kowal added two hits each.

## Hicks gets assist in Pioneers draw

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – Connor Hicks, of Monson, assisted on the Pioneers only goal against the Phantoms with 10 minutes remaining in regulation tying the score at 1-1. It wound up being the final score of last Friday night’s home match.

“I’ve been playing soccer for this team for two years and it felt very nice to be a starter in front of the home fans for the first time,” said Hicks following the match. “It was a hard-fought battle tonight, and it was a good game for our fans to watch.”

Hicks, who’s also a member of the AIC men’s soccer team, was one of the Pioneers starting defenders, along with Nicholas Obbrauch, who’s from Rome, Italy, Carlos Emery, who’s from Paysandu, Uruguay, and Federico Gutierrez, who’s from Montevideo, Uruguay. Guillermo Deal and Maxi Viera, who’s the Pioneers captain, are also from Montevideo, Uruguay.



Carlos Emery socks a free kick up the field.

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## Pathfinder can’t solve Mustangs offense

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—After losing three games in a row to McCann Tech, Springfield Central and Chicopee, the Monson boys lacrosse team made the trip to Pathfinder Regional looking to get back into the win column.

The Mustangs, who built a double-digit lead during the second half, cruised to a 15-4 road win over the Pioneers on a sunny and warm afternoon, last Friday.

“It feels great to get back into the win column again,” said first-year Monson head coach Conor Quinn. “We’ve faced a couple of tough teams recently, but all of the players have been working very hard. It was a total team effort in today’s game.”

Monson entered this week’s action with a 3-4 overall record. The Mustangs other two victories this spring came against the Granby Rams.

Pathfinder, who squeaked out a

4-3 home win versus Granby on May 14, had a 1-5 record following the home loss.

“We always want to win every game that we play, but it was nice to beat Granby in a close game last week,” said first-year Pathfinder head coach Mike Himes, who’s a horticulture teacher at Pathfinder. “Everyone did their best in today’s game.”

The warm temperatures were a factor for both teams, especially during the second half.

The Pioneers suffered several injuries and only had nine players on the field for most of the fourth quarter. Himes came very close to ending the game early, but his players wanted to keep playing.

“We had a couple of injuries and we were a man down in the fourth quarter,” Himes said. “It’s very difficult to play a lacrosse game on a hot afternoon.”

A total of three Mustangs play-

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Lee Morse rushes up the field.

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# Buffone picks up another win at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Teen sensation Cam Curtis stayed red-hot Saturday, May 22, at Monadnock Speedway, storming to his third Late Model Sportsman feature win in a row. This one was special.

In the Modified main, veteran star Todd Patnode scored his first victory of the young season. Street Stock ace Chris Buffone earned his third 2021 victory lap, Mini Stock ace Ray King used his second win to move all alone to the top of the points parade, and Nick Houle rocked the Pure Stocks for his first win this year.

Young Gun Aaliyah Tacy made her own memories Saturday on the high banks, earning her first career victory.

It was only a year ago that someone dominated the LMS field like Cam Curtis is doing right now at Monadnock. That someone was, of course, Aaron Fellows. But while the Croydon star was 40 and had more than two decades of racing experience under his belt, Curtis is only 15.

Cory Plummer and Robert Hagar led the 23-car LMS line-up to the green as the 52-lap Dean Smith Memorial event got underway. Plummer led lap one



Todd Patnode picked up the win last Saturday night in the modified race.

but was then dumped from the point, with Exeter, N.H. hot shoe Frankie Eldredge then taking charge on the ensuing restart.

With a \$1,300 winner's purse and lots of lap money up for grabs, Eldredge kept the cash coming in for the next 23 laps, but Curtis, then done with conserving his tires, rocketed to the front, dominating the final 28 go-rounds to top the prestigious Smith Memorial event.

The win helped Curtis expand his points lead after four nights of racing. Eldredge completed his strong night's work in second, while Austin Brehio's race-long solid performance netted him third on the night.

There was no full moon Saturday looking down on Monadnock Speedway, a fact perhaps misunderstood by a portion of the Modified field. It took six cautions to get their 40-lap-per completed.

Todd Patnode, charging from row six, took the lead from Jimmy Rivet on lap 19 and sailed off to his first win of the season. Cory Plummer passed Tyler Leary with the white flag in the air to come home second.

Street Stock powerhouse Chris Buffone edged past Tim Wenzel on lap ten and then held him in his shadow the rest of the way to score his third 2021 victory. With Wenzel strong in second, two-time 2020 winner Hillary Renaud came home third.

A week ago, Mini Stock rockers Gordon Farnum and

Ray King sat on row five, with Farnum then blasting to victory. This week, with the potent pair now tied atop the points parade, they again started side-by-side in row five.

This time, it was King scoring the easy win. Cody Leblanc – all the way from Bethlehem, N.H., more than three hours away – was strong in second, and Kevin Cormier came home third. Farnum finished sixth on Saturday.

Pure Stocker Nick Houle finished off his impressive weekend by winning Saturday's 25-lapper. Third the night before at Claremont, Houle went tooth-and-nail with JD Stockwell over their last ten trips around the high banks to score the win.

Stockwell, rock solid all night, earned the runner-up hardware, with Kyle Robinson Newell impressive in third, just ahead of division strongman Chris Davis. Chris Higbee rounded out the top five after leading the first 15 laps.

Aaliyah Tacy kept Fast Eddie Petruskevicious in her shadow all the way to score her first-ever Young Guns victory. Teagan Edson was third under the checkers in her first career race.

Next Saturday, May 29, Monadnock Speedway will celebrate Memorial Day weekend with a special Teddy Bear Pools Street Stock 50-lapper, NHSTRA Modifieds, and much more. Post time is 7 p.m.

**Monadnock Speedway**  
**May 22 official results:**  
**L A T E M O D E L S P O R T S M E N , 5 2 L A P S :** Camdyn Curtis ,Frankie Eldredge ,Austin Brehio,Robert Hagar,Hayden, Scott,Ryan Currier,Craig Smith, Robert Melvin Jr,William Kuhn,Cory Plummer,Ryan Bell,Dylan Bodreau,Daniel Comeau,Nancy Muni Ruot,Justin Littlewood,Jason Maki,Cole Littlewood,Tyler Lescord,Scott Beck,Rocky Smith,Ricky Bly,Ben Poland,Christopher Jackman

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**STREET STOCKS:** Chris Buffone, Tim Wenzel, Hillary Renaud, Nate Wenzel, Rupert Thompson, Keith Johnson, Paul Smith, Nathaniel Nunez, Scott Zilinsky, Chris Riendeau, (DNS) Leighton Lutz

**MINI STOCKS:** Ray King, Cody Leblanc, Kevin Cormier, Louie Maher, Kevin Clayton, Gordron Farnum, Kevin McKnight, Jeff Asselin, Mike Douglas, Jake Puchalski. 11. 57X-Patrick Houle, 15C-Trevor Carey, William Chaffee, Robert Kirker, Richard Whipple, Matthew Lambert, Deion Russell, Christopher Grove, (DNS) Josh Wright, (DNS) Ethan Marsh

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**YOUNG GUNS:** Aaliyah Tacy, Eddie Petruskevicious, Teagan Edson, Jeff Moffat Jr., Eddie Gomarlo.



**Athlete of the Month**

**Abby McQuaid**  
Ware High School

McQuaid minimized the damage for Ware softball and outlasted her opposition in a win over Monson last week.

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The league is seeking new players to join in the fun. The cost to play in 2021 is \$192.50 and registration can be found at [www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org](http://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org). Games are mostly being played this year in Easthampton and South Hadley. Players who wish to pitch in the league must be 30-years-old.

Sign-ups will continue to be open as the league still has open roster spots for new players. Players who sign up in the first few weeks of the season should be able to be placed with a team.

The league's first games are scheduled for Sunday, April 25. For the 2021 season, there is a mask-wearing rule, as well as modifications that prohibit any type of spitting or close contact, and players are required to take out all trash they bring in with them. The league allows the use of BBCOR-certified -3 bats as well as wood bats. Games are nine innings and all players who participate get to hit and play the field. For more information or to contact someone from the league, go to the league's website.

**Photos wanted for Quabbin Panthers sports**

BARRE – With the upcoming season and a limited number of games and opportunities to feature current athletes, the Barre Gazette is in need of and is welcoming any and all photo submissions of Fall 2 sports beginning next week. If you are interested in either taking or submitting photos from Quabbin games for use in the Barre Gazette, please contact editor Gregory A. Scibelli at [sports@turley.com](mailto:sports@turley.com).


**Baystate Mary Lane Satellite Emergency Facility Update**

**As of June 3, 2021, the Baystate Mary Lane Satellite Emergency Facility will close.**

All future emergency department services in the Baystate Health Eastern Region will be provided at **Baystate Wing Hospital**, located at 40 Wright Street in Palmer.

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Max Sanderson holds the ball away from the defense.

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ers recorded a hat-trick in the road victory.

Senior attack Joe Angelica led the way offensively for the visiting team with six goals and two assists.

The duo of junior attack Nick DiSanti and sophomore attack Cole Stevens each scored three goals.

“Each time two or three players had a hat-trick, we usually win the game,” Quin said. “We do have a bunch of scorers on this year’s team.”

DiSanti also had a team-high three assists, along with junior midfielder Jason Angelica.



Photos by David Henry [www.sweetdogphotos.com](http://www.sweetdogphotos.com)  
Ethan Roberts makes a run with the ball.

Stevens and Joe Angelica each scored a pair of goals during the opening quarter giving the Mustangs a 4-0 lead.

After both teams switched sides, the Pioneers ended the Mustangs shutout hopes following an unassisted goal by sophomore attack Max Sanderson 31 seconds into the second quarter.

With 10:26 remaining in the first half, Joe Angelica scored his third goal of the match.

Two more goals by DiSanti gave the visiting team a 7-1 lead less than two minutes later.

Then Pathfinder junior attack Cody Ferus pushed a groundball

into the cage past Monson junior goalie Scott Kustra (4 saves).

The Mustangs held a 10-2 half-time lead following two more goals by Joe Angelica and another one by sophomore midfielder Jack Jennings during the final five minutes of the first half.

Monson’s three third quarter goals were by eighth grade attack Domanic Fleming, Joe Angelica, and DiSanti. They also added one more goal during the fourth stanza.

The Pioneers final two goals of the match were scored by senior attack Ryan Caron and Ferus.

Pathfinder junior goalie Andrew Hurst made 13 saves.

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“I’m the only defender who doesn’t speak Spanish which makes it a little bit difficult at times back there,” Hicks said. “I’m learning a lot from those guys and it’s a lot of fun playing soccer with them.”

Hicks had his own rooting section at last Friday’s match.

“My family have been my biggest supporters since I began playing soccer 19 years ago. They haven’t missed very many of my games. The atmosphere at the stadium is always very special. Everyone enjoys coming here and they always have a good time.”

Hicks, who graduated from Monson High School in 2017, was a five-year member of the boys varsity soccer team. He helped the Mustangs win back-to-back Division 4 state championship titles in 2015 and 2016. Hicks, who was the hero of the 2016 state finals against Cohasset, scored a total of

32 goals during the final two seasons of his varsity career. He has scored a handful of goals at AIC where he’s a midfielder.

“I normally play on the right wing at AIC,” Hicks said. “I’ve started at right back in the last two matches for the Pioneers. I’m used to playing on that side of the field and I’ll play any position that coach (Federico) Molinari wants me to play. I really enjoy being a member of this soccer team.”

Molinari appreciates Hicks’s dedication, and he earned his starting position.

“Even though he didn’t get very much playing time last season (2019), Conner didn’t miss any practices,” Molinari said. “He’s been working very hard so far this season and deserves to be one of the starters. He has really improved a lot.”

Hicks made his first career start on May 15 in the Pioneers 1-0 shutout win at FC Malaga City, which is a new USL League



Photos by David Henry [www.sweetdogphotos.com](http://www.sweetdogphotos.com)  
Connor Hicks takes a throw-in.

Two club this season from Lagrangeville, New York.

The Pioneers had a 1-1-1 overall

# Host families sought for Blue Sox players

HOLYOKE – One of the most frequently asked questions we receive here at the Blue Sox front office is ‘where do your players live?’ The answer is **host families**. Host families ‘adopt’ a player during the summer – and in the process form lifelong friendships and bonds with the players. Not only do you get to follow ‘your boys’ through a season of Blue Sox baseball – but you get to stay in touch with them as they chase their dream of becoming a Major League Baseball player.

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## 2021 Hall ceremony returns to Western Mass.

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame has revealed the Class of 2021 which will be celebrated and enshrined in Springfield, Mass. – the birthplace of basketball – this September. The ceremony returns to Springfield on September 11, after a one-year relocation to Mohegan Sun for ample physical distancing due to the global pandemic.

The Class of 2021 includes ninth-winningest coach in NBA history Rick Adelman, two-time NBA champion and 11-time NBA All-Star Chris Bosh, NBA Finals MVP and 10-time NBA All-Star Paul Pierce, the first Black NBA head coach Bill Russell, two-time NCAA national champion Villanova coach Jay Wright, seven-time WNBA All-Star and two-time Olympic gold

medalist Yolanda Griffith, and seven-time WNBA All-Star and three-time WNBA Most Valuable Player Lauren Jackson.

Distinguished committees focused on preserving all areas from the game also selected seven enshrinees for the Class of 2021: Val Ackerman, Cotton Fitzsimmons and Howard Garfinkel from the Contributor Committee, Clarence “Fats” Jenkins from the Early African American Pioneers Committee, Toni Kukoc from the International Committee, Bob Dandridge from the Veterans Committee and Pearl Moore from the Women’s Veterans Committee.

Enshrinement Weekend will begin at Mohegan Sun on Friday, Sept. 10 with the Enshrinement Tip-Off Celebration and Awards

Gala. The Class of 2021 and over 50 returning Hall of Famers will then journey to Springfield, Mass. for the annual celebratory events taking place at the newly renovated Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and Springfield’s MassMutual Center on Sept. 11.

For further information on VIP Experience Packages, single event tickets, and Enshrinement Weekend details, visit [www.hoophall.com/Enshrinement](http://www.hoophall.com/Enshrinement). As the health and safety of Hall of Famers, fans and staff is of the utmost importance, the Basketball Hall of Fame is monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely and will provide appropriate health and safety measures for all events. Further details about the Class of 2021 schedule of events will be announced at a later date.

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injury in the top of the seventh inning.

“Chelsea sprained her ankle, but I think she’ll be fine in a couple of days,” Valle said. “She’s been a really stronger hitter for us this season.”

Senior third baseman Elisha Crump, senior shortstop Aidyn Welsh, and eighth grader Abby McQuaid, who was the starting pitcher, had three hits apiece for the visiting team.

“We’ve been struggling hitting during our past couple of games,” Valle said. “Hopefully, tonight’s game will give us a little bit of confidence. Everyone chipped in offensively.”

Welsh, who scored her 1,000<sup>th</sup> career point on the basketball court this past winter, scored a

team-leading six runs.

Senior second baseman Norah Ayers and junior first baseman Emma Emanuel each had two hits for the Lady Indians.

McQuaid was the winning pitcher. Twelve of the 21 runs that she allowed were earned runs. She also gave up 15 base hits in seven innings.

The losing pitcher was Palmer sophomore Ashley Bransky, who went 5 2/3 innings. She allowed 21runs (10 earned runs) on 20 hits. She was replaced in the circle by senior Madison Cole, who allowed four runs on just two hits.

Cole, who started the game at second base, led the home team offensively with three hits and six RBIs.

The trio of senior first base-

man Avery Labonte, senior catcher Jillian Lombardi, and junior DP Nathalie Orellana-Lopez had two hits each for the Lady Panthers (0-4).

Senior Miyah Mega, only had one hit, which was a triple, but she scored four runs. Labonte also scored four runs, while eighth grade left fielder Jayda Pardo scored three times.

Palmer’s previous game at Granby was suspended in the fourth inning due to rain. When that game is resumed, the Lady Panthers will have a 14-2 lead.

The Lady Indians held a slim 2-1 lead after the first inning of last Thursday’s game before exploding for 11 runs in the top of the second inning.

After scoring three more runs in the top of the fourth inning, Ware held a 17-5 advantage.

Had the Lady Indians been able to keep the Lady Panthers from scoring anymore runs, the game would’ve ended after the fifth inning because of the 12-run mercy rule.

However, Palmer didn’t quit, as they scored a total of 16 runs over the final four innings.

The Lady Panthers scored two runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. They added four more runs in both the fifth and sixth innings before scoring six more times in their final at-bats.

“Even though we were trailing, we just kept battling back,” Korzec said. “We just kept getting base hits against their pitcher. Had we played a little bit better defensively, we probably would’ve been able to take the lead.”

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next year, had the other hit, which was a ground ball single into right field with two outs in the top of the first inning.

Monson eighth grade third baseman Ben Daniels walked three times.

“Ben is only an eighth grader, but he showed a lot of patience at the plate,” Orlik said. “I’m happy with his performance.”

The setback evened Monson senior lefthander Daniel Fiester’s season record at 1-1. He went 4 2-3 innings allowing all five runs on three hits. He struck out five and walked six. He threw 107 pitches before being replaced on the mound by junior righty Trey Yesu.

Ware, who swept the season series against Monson in 2019, took advantage of a passed ball to take a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning.

“We always want to put a

lot of pressure on the opposing defense and force them to make the plays,” coach Slattery said. “We stole a couple of runs from them tonight. That’s our style this year.”

Junior left fielder Tyler Orszulak singled to left field leading off the bottom of the second. He advanced to second and third base on a passed ball. Sutkaitis, who’s a freshman, followed with a walk putting runners at the corners. Then senior DH Aiden Clark grounded into a 4-3 double-play scoring the Indians first run.

With one-out in the bottom of the third inning, Smith reached first base following a fielding error by the Monson second baseman. Smith moved to second base on a passed ball and advanced to third on the same play following a throwing error by the catcher. Then Smith stole home for the first time in his varsity career giving the home team

a 2-0 lead.

“I watched Devin Slattery steal home a couple of times during his varsity baseball career. Devon Fuller also stole home against Palmer a couple of years ago,” Smith said. “It was the first time that I stole home in a varsity game.”

The inning continued with a line-drive single to left field by junior third baseman Cam Balicki and Orszulak followed with a walk. Then Sutkaitis hit a pop-up that landed in shallow right field just out of the second baseman’s reach for a hit scoring the Indians third run.

The Mustangs put-together a two-out rally in the top of the fourth inning.

Luke Hedspeth beat out an infield hit and junior second baseman Cam Daniels drew a walk bringing the tying run to the plate. Smith ended that threat with his sixth strikeout.

Dillon Slattery leadoff the

bottom of the fifth with a walk. He went to second on a passed ball before stealing third base and scored on a wild pitch. An RBI single to leftfield by Clark with two outs in the fifth gave the home team a 5-0 advantage.

The Mustangs, who only had one runner reach second base during the first six innings, loaded the bases with two outs in the top of the seventh. Luke Hedspeth began the inning with an infield hit. Then junior right fielder Jaden Nava and Ben Daniels walked. The Mustangs left the bases loaded, as Smith ended the game with a strikeout.

“Things got a little bit shaky for me in the final inning,” Smith said. “I just settled down and struck out the final batter.

Smith was scheduled to start his final regular season game at Memorial Field against Granby on Monday night. Both teams entered that contest with undefeated records.

record following the home opener. They lost to the Boston Bolts in another road match in the season opener.

During the 30th minute of last Friday’s home opener, it looked like Seacoast would be taking a 1-0 lead Mullen made an outstanding diving save on the low shot attempt by Frantz Pierrot and managed to deflect the ball away. Mullen was credited with a total of four saves.

The Pioneers had a couple of chances late in the half, but the contest was still scoreless at the break.

The Phantoms, who arrived in Ludlow with a 2-0-0 season record, took a 1-0 lead following a free kick during the 69th minute. The free kick was taken from the right sideline by Jamie Davis and the ball sailed to the far post where Maxwell Murray booted it into the right corner of the goal.

A little more than ten minutes later, Hicks sent a pass into the box where Patrick Agyemang knocked

it into the right corner of the goal tying the score.

“I crossed the ball into the box to Pat and he finished off the play by scoring a goal,” Hicks said. “It was actually my first career point as a member of the Pioneers.”

Agyemang, who’s from East Hartford, Connecticut, entered the match during the 73rd minute.

It was his first goal of the season. Ignacio Lerech, who’s from Tucman, Argentina, netted the Pioneers goal late in the second half against FC Malaga City.

With a little more than five minutes remaining, a shot attempt by Gabriel Ganzer, who’s a first-year Pioneers player from Taquarucu do Sul, Brazil was saved by Seacoast goalie Christian Garner.

The Pioneers are scheduled to play two more road matches against AC Connecticut (May 26) and Seacoast United (May 29) before returning to the friendly confines of Lusitano Stadium on June 4 to face FC Malaga City.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. A group of sheep

5. Of she

8. This (Spanish)

12. A type of sorcery

14. A team's best pitcher

15. Port in southern Japan

16. Makes very happy

18. Trigonometric unit of measurement

19. From a distance

20. Winged nut

21. Consumed

22. "Heat" director

23. In all places

26 Made improvements to

30. St. \_\_\_ Girl: brand of beer

31. A type of "seat"

32. Wood

33. A brief treatise on a subject of interest

34. Approval

39. Basics

42. Where judges sit

44. W. African religion

46. Commentators

47. Having many different functions

49. Member of a Semitic people

50. Flightless, fast-running bird

51. After the seventh

56. Small N. Zealand tree

57. Health care pro (abbr.)

58. Playground mainstay

59. Expressing relief

60. Records brain activity (abbr.)

61. Fishing net

62. Beer

63. Tooth caregiver

64. Japanese beverage

CLUES DOWN

1. Garden tools

2. Early Syrian kingdom

3. 500 sheets of paper

4. Information

5. Beloved comic strip character

6. Distinct form of a plant

7. Replenishment

8. Semitransparent glassy substance

9. Expedition to observe animals

10. One who held landed granted by Anglo-Saxon king

11. Obtain in return for labor

13. Inheritable genetically

17. One who rescues

24. Doctor of Education

25. Liberal arts

26. Shock treatment

27. Disfigure

28. When you hope to get there

29. Peacock network

35. Part of (abbr.)

36. The 21st letter of the Greek alphabet

37. Not just "play"

38. Former CIA

40. Reduced to a sloping edge

41. Restricted the development of

42. Sciences degree

43. Sea eagles

44. Saturated

45. Joints

47. Sailing boat

48. Respiratory organs

49. Guitarrists use them

52. Disco act: Bee \_\_\_

53. First Chinese dynasty

54. Intentionally lose

55. Muslim people of China



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**Monday, May 17**  
3:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning  
8:20 a.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue – Services Rendered  
1:20 p.m. Ambulance Request Homecrest Avenue – Services Rendered  
5:49 p.m. Welfare Check Church Street – Arrest, Felony Charge  
Arrest: Shaun P. Sullivan, 33, Ware  
Assault and Battery (Household Member); Assault and Battery (Household Member)  
6:39 p.m. Fraud Fisherdict Road – Services Rendered  
8:26 p.m. Harassment Complaint Walnut Street – Advised Civil Action  
10:37 p.m. Fire, Report East Street – Referred to Other Agency

**Tuesday, May 18**  
2:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation East Street – Written Warning  
7:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Greenwich Road – Written Warning  
1:07 p.m. Drug/Narcotics Violation Pulaski Street – Area Searched Negative  
2:15 p.m. Ambulance Request Longview Avenue – Services Rendered  
2:29 p.m. Welfare Check West Street – Citation Issued  
5:10 p.m. Drug/Narcotics Violation Pulaski Street – Services Rendered  
6 p.m. Harassment Complaint North Street – Services Rendered  
8:26 p.m. Investigation Palmer Road – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge  
Arrest: Jhovan Serrano, 24, Springfield  
Shoplifting by Concealing Merchandise, Third Offense; Trespass

**Wednesday, May 19**  
4:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Upper Church Street – Citation Issued  
7:45 a.m. Ambulance Request Wildflower Drive – Services Rendered  
7:53 a.m. Accident (Hit and Run) West Warren Road – Investigation Pending  
12:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation East Street – Written Warning  
12:39 p.m. Silent, 911 Call Palmer Road – Area Searched Negative  
1:26 p.m. Ambulance Request Eagle Street – Services Rendered  
2:45 p.m. Fraud Greenway Avenue – Services Rendered  
5:31 p.m. Trash Dumping Complaint Palmer Road – Services Rendered  
7:50 p.m. Ambulance Request North Street – Referred to Other Agency  
8:26 p.m. Disturbance West Main Street – Investigation Pending

**Thursday, May 20**  
1:01 a.m. Ambulance Request Pulaski Street – Services Rendered  
1:42 a.m. Vandalism Highland Village – Investigation Pending

2:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Church Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge  
Arrest: Kalzamah McCoy, 53, Ware  
Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; OUI-Liquor or .08%; Stop/Yield, Fail to  
5:45 a.m. Alarm Burglar West Street – Services Rendered  
7:01 a.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Services Rendered  
7:16 a.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering Big Tree Drive – Investigation Pending  
10:59 a.m. Missing Person Highland Street – Services Rendered  
11:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Church Street – Written Warning  
11:33 a.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Services Rendered  
12:01 p.m. Ambulance Request North Street – Services Rendered  
4:29 p.m. Alarm Burglar Greenwich Plains Road – Services Rendered  
4:51 p.m. Assault Fisherdict Road – Services Rendered  
6:09 p.m. Investigation North Street – Investigated, Report Filed  
10:27 p.m. Larceny, Theft Report West Street – Services Rendered

**Friday, May 21**  
6:41 a.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue – Referred to Other Agency  
9:13 a.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village – Services Rendered  
9:41 a.m. Larceny, Theft Report Monson Turnpike Road – Services Rendered  
12:05 p.m. Ambulance Request South Street- Services Rendered  
2:30 p.m. Ambulance Request Pulaski Street – Services Rendered  
4:21 p.m. Fraud Hillside Village – Services Rendered  
5:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Criminal Complaint Issued  
5:37 p.m. Accident, Vehicle West Street – Services Rendered  
5:40 p.m. Vandalism Palmer Road – Investigation Pending  
6:03 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Palmer Road – Services Rendered  
7:35 p.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Referred to Other Agency  
9:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning  
11:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation East Street – Written Warning

**Saturday, May 22**  
1:07 a.m. Ambulance Request Highland Street – Services Rendered  
8:15 a.m. Ambulance Request Maple Avenue – Services Rendered  
9:45 a.m. Trespassing Complaint River Road – River Road  
10:54 a.m. Ambulance Request Vlontis Avenue – Referred to Other Agency  
11:33 a.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Vlontis Avenue – Services Rendered  
12:40 p.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Referred to Other

Agency  
3:37 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Osborne Road – Services Rendered  
5:05 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Aspen Street – Area Searched Negative  
5:10 p.m. Investigation North Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge  
Arrest: Marrone A. Straw, 37, Ware  
Abuse Prevention Order, Violate  
6:08 p.m. Ambulance Request Old Belchertown Road – Referred to Other Agency  
6:54 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Palmer Road – No Police Service Necessary  
9:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Main Street – Citation Issued  
10:21 p.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue – Services Rendered

**Sunday, May 23**  
2:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Bank Street – Written Warning  
6:10 a.m. Ambulance Request South Street – Referred to Other Agency  
9:06 a.m. Alarm Burglar South Street – Services Rendered  
10:16 a.m. Ambulance Request South Street – Services Rendered  
10:40 a.m. Alarm Burglar South Street – Services Rendered  
11:01 a.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Highland Village – Services Rendered  
11:06 a.m. Abandoned, 911 Call South Street – Services Rendered  
11:19 a.m. Alarm Burglar South Street – Services Rendered  
12:02 p.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village – Services Rendered  
2:19 p.m. Accident, Vehicle West Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000  
2:36 p.m. Ambulance Request James Road – Referred to Other Agency  
5:30 p.m. Trash Dumping Complaint Bank Street – Investigation Pending

**Monday, May 24**  
12:20 a.m. Ambulance Request North Street – Services Rendered  
1:35 a.m. Alarm Burglar West Street – Services Rendered  
5:49 a.m. Fire, Report Maple Street – Referred to Other Agency  
2:38 p.m. Harassment Complaint Maple Street – Referred to Other Agency  
4:48 p.m. Disturbance West Street – Arrest, Felony Charge  
Arrest: Martin W. Henrich, 43, Palmer  
Disorderly Conduct; Assault (With Bodily Fluids); Trespass  
5:37 p.m. Fire, Report Pleasant Street – Referred to Other Agency  
7:36 p.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering Third Avenue – Investigation Pending

**Tuesday, May 25**  
6:31 a.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Dale Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge  
Arrest: Jaime Lussier, 30, Ware  
OUI-Drugs; Drug, Possess Class A

10:07 a.m. 911 – Motor Vehicle Accident Hardwick Road – Investigated  
1:32 p.m. 911 – Alarm Main Street – Spoken To  
7:10 p.m. 911 – Fire, Other Main Street – Services Rendered  
10:43 p.m. Phone – Complaint Main Street – Spoken To

**Sunday, May 16**  
2:02 a.m. 911 – Hang-up Call Main Street – Spoken TO  
2:18 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Bridge Street – Transported to Hospital  
5:17 p.m. 911 – Neighbor Dispute Church Street – Officer Handled  
5:44 p.m. Phone – Complaint Mechanic Street – Gone on Arrival  
7:29 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Bridge Street – Services Rendered

**Monday, May 17**  
6:20 a.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity Main Street – Officer Handled

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**Sunday, May 9**  
1:03 p.m. Assault and Battery Main Street – Report Filed

**Monday, May 10**  
5:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Boston Post Road – Written Warning  
6:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning

**Tuesday, May 11**  
4:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Laurie R. Merritt, 74, Warren  
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle; Speeding  
7:16 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint Southbridge Road – Officer Spoke to Party

**Wednesday, May 12**  
2:47 a.m. Breathing Difficulty Maple Street – Transported to Hospital  
11:29 a.m. Threats Carpenter Street – Officer Spoke to Party  
3:33 p.m. Welfare Check Main Street – Report Filed  
8:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Written Warning

**Thursday, May 13**  
2:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning  
7:45 a.m. Fire, Electrical Emergency Coy Hill Road – Services Rendered  
11:46 a.m. Fraud/Forgery Coy Hill Road – Officer Advised  
2:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Written Warning  
6:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning  
7:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Winthrop Terrace – Written Warning  
7:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Winthrop Terrace – Written Warning  
8:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Written Warning

**Friday, May 14**  
12:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Boston Post Road – Citation Issued  
10:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Street – Citation Issued  
12:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Written Warning  
1:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision Main Street – Services Rendered  
1:57 p.m. Harassment Carpenter Street – Officer Spoke to Party  
6:29 p.m. Unwanted Party Main Street – Report Filed  
11:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pulaski Street – Written Warning

**Saturday, May 15**  
12:23 p.m. Gunshots East Road – Report Filed  
1:22 p.m. Gunshots Sarty Road – Information Given  
9:26 p.m. Property Dispute Yankee Drummer Drive – Officer Spoke to Party

**Sunday, May 16**  
9:52 a.m. Property Damage Bacon Street – Report Filed

**Monday, May 17**  
4:31 a.m. Property Damage Old West Warren Road – Officer Spoke to Party

**Tuesday, May 18**  
2:50 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Issues Sarty Road – Area Patrolled  
10:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision Reed Street – Ambulance Signed Refusal  
11:43 a.m. Larceny/Theft North Street – Officer Spoke to Party

**Wednesday, May 19**  
2:41 p.m. Suspicious Activity Crescent Street – Information Given

**Thursday, May 20**  
9:08 a.m. Larceny/Theft Spring

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Street – Officer Advised  
1:38 p.m. Brush and Wildland Fires Boston Post Road – Fire Extinguished  
3:12 p.m. Threats Keys Road – Officer Advised

**Friday, May 21**  
5:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Cross Street – Citation Issued  
5:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning  
9:09 a.m. Harassing/Annoying Phone Calls East Road – Information Taken  
12:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
2:35 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint Reed Street – Officer Advised  
8:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old West Brookfield Road – Written Warning

**Saturday, May 22**  
5:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Boston Post Road – Written Warning  
6:08 p.m. Highway/Water/ Sewer Calls Summer Street – Services Rendered  
10:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Written Warning

New Braintree Police Log

*During the weeks of May 10 to 17, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 24 building/property checks, 26 directed/area patrols, seven radar assignments, five traffic controls, three emergency 911 calls, three motor vehicle stops, one aviation incident, one fraud and one animal call in the town of New Braintree.*

**Monday, May 10**  
5:14 p.m. Initiated – Investigation Unitas Road – Investigated

**Tuesday, May 11**  
1:15 p.m. Phone – Fraud Worcester Road – Report Taken  
3:52 p.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity Gilbertville Road – Negative Contact

Smola supports bill to provide additional unemployment insurance rate relief

BOSTON – State Rep. Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) recently supported legislation that will provide additional financial relief to Massachusetts businesses facing huge pandemic-related increases in their unemployment insurance bills.

Due to the record-breaking number of unemployment claims filed during the COVID-19 state of emergency, which prompted a statutorily-mandated increase in the formula used to calculate an employer’s experience rating, the annual unemployment insurance solvency fund assessment jumped from 0.58% to 9.23% for 2021, representing a staggering 1,591% increase in just one year.

Smola said compromise language drafted by the Baker-Polito Administration will mitigate the UI rate increase by spreading the costs over a 20-year period, effectively reducing the assessment for businesses from 9.23% to 1.12%. The compromise was unanimously approved by the House of

Representatives on a 157-0 vote on May 18, but still requires Senate approval.

Under the compromise plan, a new COVID claims account will be set up to handle existing COVID claims that had been placed in the solvency account. The Department of Unemployment Assistance will recalculate first-quarter UI bills to reflect these changes, with payment on these bills due by July 31. Beginning Aug. 1, new UI claims will be charged directly to employers’ accounts.

The House and Senate had previously moved the due date for first-quarter bills from April 30 to June 1. Smola noted that employers who have already paid their first-quarter bills will receive a credit.

Smola was one of 53 legislators who wrote to Gov. Charlie Baker and House and Senate leadership on April 14 urging immediate steps be taken to protect employers from the solvency assessment increase, and calling for the use of federal funding to replenish the

Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. The compromise language approved by the House does not require the use of federal funding, although Smola noted that this issue could be revisited at a later date.

Before voting on the compromise UI plan, the House also rejected a proposed amendment filed by Baker that would have excluded municipal employees from qualifying for the COVID-related paid sick leave program approved by the House and Senate in March. That bill also provided assistance to small businesses by freezing the UI rate at Schedule E for calendar years 2021 and 2022, and exempting forgiven federal Payroll Protection Program loans from being subject to the state income tax.

The UI solvency fund assessment compromise language now moves to the Senate for its consideration. For additional information please contact Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or 617-722-2100.

Hardwick Police Log

*During the weeks of May 10 to 17, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 66 building/property checks, 14 directed/area patrols, five radar assignments, nine traffic controls, 19 emergency 911 calls, seven motor vehicle stops, one motor vehicle accident, two complaints and two animal calls in the town of Hardwick.*

**Monday, May 10**  
2:21 p.m. Phone – Officer Initiated – Main Street – Officer Handled  
4:35 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Bridge Street – Services Rendered

**Tuesday, May 11**  
3:30 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency New Braintree Road – Transported to Hospital  
4:19 p.m. Phone – Medical Alarm Hardwick Road – Services Rendered  
5:21 p.m. Phone – 911/Hang-up Call Clapp Road – Spoken To

**Wednesday, May 12**  
2:11 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Grove Street – Transported to Hospital  
1:02 p.m. 911 – Animal Call Barre Road – Services Rendered  
1:45 p.m. 911 – Elevator Call/ Alarms Old Petersham Road – No Action Required  
8:30 p.m. 911 – Hang-up Call Broad Street – Spoken TO

**Thursday, May 13**  
8:18 p.m. 911 – Disturbance Main Street – Services Rendered

**Friday, May 14**  
10:27 a.m. 911 – Welfare Check Broad Street – Officer Handled  
1:29 p.m. 911 – Misdial Patroll Hollow Road – Spoken To  
9:09 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning

**Saturday, May 15**  
8:38 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency North Road – Transported to Hospital



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# Smola supports \$600M bond bill to rebuild Holyoke Soldiers' Home

Supports expansion of long-term care services for veterans

BOSTON – State Rep.r Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) recently supported a \$600 million bond bill to pay for a new Holyoke Soldiers' Home and expand the availability of long-term care services for veterans across the state.

House Bill 3770, An Act financing the reconstruction of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, was enacted by the House on a vote of 160-0 on May 18. The bill represents a compromise reached by a six-member conference committee that worked to reconcile the differences between two earlier versions of the bill that had previously passed the House and the Senate.

Smola said the bill will allow the state to qualify for up to

\$260 million in federal matching funds through the Veterans Administration's State Veterans Home Construction Grant Program. The Senate is expected to vote on the conference committee report on May 20, after which it will be sent to Governor Charlie Baker for his signature.

House Bill 3770 authorizes the state to borrow up to \$400 million to build a new Holyoke Soldiers' Home. Gov. Charlie Baker says the reconstruction of the Soldiers' Home is "necessary for the health, safety, and comfort of future generations of veterans and staff" at the facility, which opened in 1952.

Smola said the passage of the bill will allow the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to begin the design and development phase for a new Soldiers' Home that will meet federal standards and guidelines for long term care and adult day health services. He said the bill authorizes an additional \$200 million in state borrowing to promote

geographic equity and accessibility to long-term care services for all Massachusetts veterans.

House Bill 3770 also contains language requiring the use of a Project Labor Agreement for the construction of the new Soldiers' Home, including a stipulation that the project employ apprentices to allow for the training and employment of individuals who would not otherwise qualify for employment on the project. In addition, the bill establishes an Access, Inclusion and Diversity Committee to implement and monitor the project's compliance with diversity, inclusion workforce and enterprise goals.

Under House Bill 3770, the Department of Veterans Services, in consultation with DCAMM, will be required to file an annual report by Dec. 31 on the status of the construction of the new Holyoke Soldiers' Home until the project is completed. For additional information please contact Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or 617-722-2100.

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there are apartments above Niko's, which is next to 114 Main St. Until the person left the building, the process was on hold, but was then restarted.

Town officials said the building was expected to be leveled by the end of Wednesday, and the debris removed before Memorial Day.

The town would also like to address 92-104 Main St., which is the neighboring building on the other side of 114 Main St. It is owned by Duc Ha, of Newton, and he has told Marques in the past that he wants to save as much of the building as possible. Marques has told the SelectBoard that it is in very bad shape. The town has cited him for several violations.

The town hopes to recover the cost of demolishing 114 Main St. from the owner, and plans to go to court if necessary.

With the building demolished, MassDOT has said the contractor will return to town within the next two weeks and worth through the fall if necessary to finish the multi-million project. It includes improving Main Street's roadway and sidewalks, and adding a traffic signal at Main, West and West Main streets.




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The roof of 114 Main St. was demolished first before the rest of the building was pulled down.



The roof is pulled of 114 Main St. Wednesday morning as the demolition process begins.

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## Theresa I. Deslongchamp

WARE – Theresa I. (Bourgault) Deslongchamp, 95, of Ware, died on



Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center. She leaves her son, Paul Deslongchamp, and his wife, Jacqueline, of Hardwick, as well as five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Gaston, in 2012 as well as their son, Robert, and she was the last of her eight siblings. She was born in Ware, daughter of the late Henri and Clara Berthiaume, and was a lifelong resident of the town.

In addition to being a homemaker, Theresa worked as a stitcher at Seven Sisters for several years.

Her faith was very important to her,

## Death notices

**Deslongchamp, Theresa I.**  
Died: May 20, 2021  
Funeral Mass June 2, 10 a.m.  
All Saints Church  
Ware

**Downing, Robert K.**  
Died: May 21, 2021  
Funeral Services are private

and she credited her long and well-filled life to God. She was a member of All Saints Church in Ware, and the former Mount Carmel Church.

A funeral Mass for Theresa will be held on Wednesday, June 2, at 10 a.m. in All Saints Church, 17 North St., in Ware. There are no calling hours and everyone should meet at the church. Burial will be in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery following Mass.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware is assisting her family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at charbonneauhf.com.

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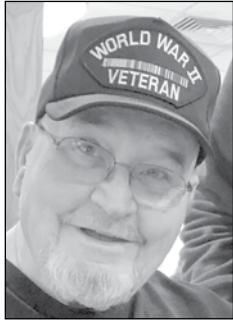
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## Robert K. Downing



WEST WARREN – Robert K. Downing, 91, of West Warren, passed away peacefully May 21, 2021, at Mercy Hospital surrounded by his loving family. He was born on October 16, 1929, in Detroit, Michigan, to the late Joseph Downing and Dorothea (Buck) Downing.



He was a World War II veteran having served with the Army Air Corps and the Air Force Strategic Air Command. Robert attended the University of Mass School of Engineering and graduated from Western New England College in Springfield.

Robert was employed for 37 years with Hamilton Standard United Aircraft where he held various management positions in experimental test, manufacturing engineering and field support. He was a past President of the Hamilton Standard Management Club. After retirement in 1986, he moved to South Royalton,

Vermont. In 1998 he moved to West Warren.

He loved everything to do with the outdoors. He enjoyed being in nature and was an avid sportsman. Robert was a member of the Quaboag Lodge of Masons and Melha Shiners, Springfield. In 2001 he entered into the Clown Unit with the name NIF-T. In 2005 he became Chief Clown of the Unit. He was also a member of the American Legion in West Brookfield.

Robert was a very active community member in the towns of West Warren and Warren. He served on the Board of Selectman in the town Warren, Warren Board of Health, Warren Council on Aging, and the Warren Conservation Commission. Robert was a dedicated Selectman and a successful businessman.

He was a passionate person who stressed safety first for friends

and family. He was a devoted and loving husband for 53 years to his wife, Marlene G. (Tatro) Downing, a daughter, Kimberly G. Hatch, and he deeply loved and cherished his granddaughter, Kayla D. Hatch, of all West Warren. Robert has three children by a previous marriage, Maureen Laramie, Robert Downing and Kathy Vieira. He also leaves one brother, Donald Downing, and wife, Brenda, of Carlinville, Illinois. Robert was predeceased by three brothers Kevin Downing, Joseph Downing and Dean Downing, of Illinois.

Funeral services for Robert will be held privately. There are no calling hours and burial will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in Robert's memory may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104. Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 E. Main Street in West Brookfield, is assisting his family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com.

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**Mass Schedule:**  
4:00 PM Saturday - All Saints  
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9:30 AM Sunday - St. Mary's  
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Day: 7:30 am - All Saints  
12:10 pm - St. Mary's  
6:30 pm - St. Mary's

Parish Office for both Churches is located at 60 South Street, Ware - MA 01082.  
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All are welcome to worship and join in fellowship and light refreshment following the service.

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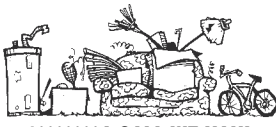
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**OUTREACH WORKER** Town of Hardwick is looking for Community Outreach Worker. The position is to perform social service and administrative work in maintaining contact with the town's elderly to assess their needs, encourage participation in group activities and make referrals as necessary; all other related work as required for both the Towns of Hardwick and Barre. Cover letter and resumes may be sent to [coa@townofbarre.com](mailto:coa@townofbarre.com) or Eileen Clarkson, Director, 40 West Street, Suite 433, Barre, MA 01005

## HELP WANTED

**WATER/SEWER MAINTENANCE WORKER** The town of Monson is seeking a full-time Water/Sewer Maintenance Worker to provide technical work to operate and maintain the water and sewer systems. License requirements include Massachusetts CDL Class B and Hoisting 2A, or ability to obtain within 3 mo. of hire; Massachusetts D-2 and T-1 Certified Operator of Drinking Water Facilities, or ability to obtain within 6 mo. of hire or at discretion of the Superintendent. Acknowledgement of Tuition Reimbursement Policy Required. 10 days paid vacation after 90 day continuous employment. FY2022 salary min \$19.01 max \$23.74. Contact the Monson Treasurer's Office at tel. (413) 267-4125, fax (413) 238-6127, or e-mail [astaples@monson-ma.gov](mailto:astaples@monson-ma.gov). Completed applications must be received at the Monson Treasurer's Office, 110 Main Street, Monson, MA 01057 before 4:00 p.m. June 4, 2021. This Institution is an equal opportunity employer.

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In observance of Memorial Day, the Classifieds have an **EARLY AD DEADLINE.** To advertise, place your ad no later than **NOON Friday, May 28**

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public notices

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WARREN  
OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES  
NOTICE OF TAX TAKING

May 27, 2021

The owner(s), occupant(s) and public are hereby notified that the following described parcels herein, located within the municipality of WARREN and WORCESTER County, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have taxes for the year 2019 as committed to the Collector of Taxes, by the Board of Assessors of this municipality which remain delinquent and unpaid, and that the property herein described will be taken by WARREN on **Friday, June 11, 2021, at 10:00 AM** for nonpayment of taxes, including interest and all legal costs and charges thereon, unless the property shall be previously discharged.

KERRY SCHMIDT  
Collector of Taxes Town of WARREN

Property Location: 38 CARPENTER ST  
Assessed Owners: CASAVANT, RENE  
Bill Number: 60-1

2019 SEWER LIEN 1,125.00  
REAL ESTATE TAXES 3,951.26  
5,076.26

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.800 acres described as parcel 24 0 112 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 10670- 33, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 73 MAPLE ST  
Assessed Owners: CORRIVEAU, JR. BERNARD  
Bill Number: 81-5  
2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,209.56  
1,209.56

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.340 acres described as parcel 23 0 57 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 56878-324, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 798 MAIN ST  
Assessed Owners: ESPINOSA, SUSAN  
c/o CRISSOS, SOCRATES  
Bill Number: 111-2

2019 SEWER LIEN 375.00  
REAL ESTATE TAXES 2,684.88  
3,059.88

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.330 acres described as parcel 24 0 20 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 57724-170, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: CUTLER RD  
Assessed Owners: MOOSEHEAD HARVESTING, INC  
Bill Number: 255-3

2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES 952.66  
952.66

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 18.000 acres described as parcel 2 0 1 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 16913-59, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: CUTLER RD EX  
Assessed Owners: MOOSEHEAD HARVESTING, INC  
Bill Number: 255-4

2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES 3,303.31  
3,303.31

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 81.000 acres described as parcel 4 0 19 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 16913-59, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: REAR CUTLER RD  
Assessed Owners: MOOSEHEAD HARVESTING, INC  
Bill Number: 255-5

2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES 375.90  
375.90

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 16.000 acres described as parcel 4 0 20 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 16913-59, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 28 SCHOOL ST  
Assessed Owners: PEREZ, NOHENY A.  
c/o HILL-PATCHKOFISKY, TA'WONDA & JAM  
Bill Number: 290-3

2019 SEWER LIEN 375.00  
REAL ESTATE TAXES 2,204.62  
2,579.62

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.190 acres described as parcel 17 0 88 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 59096-187, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 84 SOUTHBRIDGE RD  
Assessed Owners: REYNOSO, LUIS  
c/o BYFIELD DONOVAN  
c/o SUNTREX, LLC  
Bill Number: 311-6

2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES 2012.84  
2012.84

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.040 acres described as parcel 24 0 159 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 58955-219, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: MAIN STREET  
Assessed Owners: STUPSKI, THEODORE  
c/o STUPSKI, WILLIAM  
Bill Number: 367-6

2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES 175.56  
175.56

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.100 acres described as parcel 19 0 18 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 4358-26, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 583 MAIN ST  
Assessed Owners: STUPSKI, THEODORE  
c/o STUPSKI, WILLIAM  
Bill Number: 368-1

2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES 593.26  
593.26

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.480 acres described as parcel 19 0 19 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 4358-26, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

05/27/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 6:30 PM** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) by Alfred M. Gurka to have trees removed from his property at 16 Lovewell Street. Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. To view application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413-967-9648.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 4, Section 13, a copy of this legal notice can be found on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website: <http://masspublicnotices.org>. 05/27/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, June 09, 2021, at 6:30 PM** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a **Notice of Intent** (NOI) by Adrienne Clark, for the managing of runoff/drainage issues, and restoration of the existing beach area at 112 Shoreline Drive. Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. To view application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413.967.9648.

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Notice of Public Hearing  
Planning Board  
LEGAL NOTICE  
SP-2021-04

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 7:10 PM** on the application of Bond Construction Corporation for a Special Permit (SP-2021-04). Applicant is requesting approval for an earth removal operation under Section 4.8.5, of the Zoning Bylaw, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. The hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Town Hall, Ware, MA. Public is encouraged to attend via digital platform Zoom Meetings. Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or join by phone. Phone Number: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 784 604

1861; Password: 01082.

**SITE LOCATION:**  
**240 Babcock Tavern Road, Ware, MA.** Deed recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 12833, Page 207. Assessor's Parcel 4-0-14. Zoned: Rural Residential (RR).

A complete copy of the application can be found at the Town Clerk's office and on the Planning & Community Development Department website under Recent Filings. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated.

WARE PLANNING BOARD  
Joshua Kusnierz,  
Chairman  
05/27, 06/03/2021

Hardwick  
Planning Board  
Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Hardwick Planning Board acting as Special Permit Granting Authority for the Town of Hardwick, will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:45PM** at the Town House, 32 Common Street, Hardwick, MA

Pursuant to Hardwick Zoning Bylaw section 3.2.4.u and GL c.140, sec 136A this Hearing is regarding the application by Tanya Gryszowka-Dupell for a Special Permit for a kennel at 1476 Patrill Hollow Road for personal use. All interested parties are asked to attend.

Interested parties may also view this Legal Notice at <http://masspublicnotices.org>.

Harry Comerford,  
Chairman  
Hardwick Planning Board  
5/20, 5/27/2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampshire Probate and Family Court  
15 Atwood Drive  
Northampton, MA 01060  
(413)586-8500  
Docket No. HSI9P0765PM  
In the matter of:  
William E. Richardson  
Of: Springfield, MA  
Protected Person/  
Disabled Person/  
Respondent  
CITATION GIVING  
NOTICE OF  
CONSERVATOR'S  
ACCOUNT**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the **First Annual** account(s) of William J. Richardson of Wilbraham, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s).

HOW TO SUBMIT  
PUBLIC NOTICES

All public notices to be published in the *Ware River News* should be sent directly to [notices@turley.com](mailto:notices@turley.com). Please indicate the newspapers and publication date(s) for the notice(s) in the subject line of your email. For questions regarding coverage area, procedures or cost, please call 413-283-8393.

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If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before **10:00 A.M. on the return date of 06/17/2021**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Linda S Fidnick, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 14, 2021

Michael J. Carey,  
Register of Probate  
05/27/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131, C.40. The hearing will include consideration of a Request for a Determination of Applicability (RDA) by Thomas Lewis of TEC

Associates, 46 Sawyer Street, South Portland, ME 04106 on behalf of the Massachusetts Central Railroad. The RDA is to confirm wetland boundaries for vegetation management activities along the railroad right-of-way. Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. The option for remote participation via Zoom is also available and instructions will be posted on the meeting agenda which can be found on the Town of Ware Conservation web page prior to the meeting date. To view the application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413.967.9648.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 4, Section 13, a copy of this legal notice can be found on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website at: <http://masspublicnotices.org>

Town of Ware  
Conservation Commission  
Mark Swett, Chairman  
05/27/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **June 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40.

The hearing will include consideration of a **Request for Determination of Applicability** (RDA) by Ware River Group, for Removal of trees and associated debris at 2 East Main Street. Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082.

To view application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413-967-9648.

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siderations, favoritism or bias," according to the decision. In the decision, Bowen said Gagnon deliberated about the situation, and was torn as he had watched Coulombe grow up and believed he was a good firefighter. In the end, Gagnon made the decision because he believed Coulombe had been untruthful, according to the decision.

The decision references a selectman who brought the concerns to the town, but does not name him, although it was Keith Kruckas, who was originally elected to the board in 2018.

Bowen also stated in the decision that at least one other applicant for the two open Ware firefighter positions was affected as they did not get the job. Coulombe applied to take the original test on Nov. 24 2003, took the test on April 24, 2004, then was hired in 2005 to be an entry-level firefighter. He turned 19 in June of 2004, according to the decision.

Bowen also discounted a claim by Brian Coulombe that Gagnon was not properly the fire chief at the time he was fired. The decision disagreed saying although the first time selectmen appointed him Town Manager Stuart Beckley did not send in the paperwork to Civil

Service right away, selectmen voted on the appointment again right away and sent the paperwork on to Civil Service. Not sending the original paperwork on did not mean Gagnon was not the fire chief, Bowen said.

According to Bowen, he did not find it credible that Kathleen Coulombe, Brian's mother, and Thomas Coulombe did not know their son had applied to take the firefighter test before he was 19 since a parental credit card was used. Bowen pointed to Coulombe's mother filling out her son's 2005 application to the department by hand, using his correct birth date, and his father's acknowledgement that he had refrained from taking part in his son's hiring process as showing they were likely aware he had applied for the position before he was 19. He also said he found it not credible that Brian Coulombe said he did not know the test tak-

ers had to be 19.

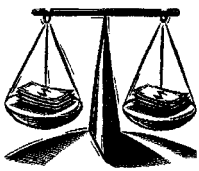
The decision also states that Brian Coulombe subsequently used his correct birth date when he took the Civil Service exam for lieutenant years later, which he passed.

According to the decision, the town's investigator interviewed former Deputy Chief and Interim Fire Chief Ed Wloch, who told him the fact that Brian Coulombe took the test before he was 19 and was hired "was probably the worst kept secret in the town of Ware." Wloch said at the time many people in the department assumed that Thomas Coulombe had gotten a waiver for his son. When asked by the investigator how others in the department knew the son had not used his actual birth date to take the test, Wloch said "the kid bragged about it to everybody... Oh, my dad's got pull. He knows what he's doing."

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